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Interplanetary Ram Pressure Increases/Decreases and Dayside Auroral Variations

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Solar wind ram pressure increases and decreases are shown to be a triggering of dayside auroral intensifications and dimming, respectively. The auroral intensifications last for ~ 10-15 min propagate towards nightside along both the dawn and dusk flanks. In this study, we analyze interplanetary pressure pulse events and dayside auroral events in 1997-1999 using WIND interplanetary magnetic field and solar wind plasma data and POLAR UVI data. The relationship between the intensity of interplanetary pressure pulses and the intensity and symmetry of dayside auroras will be shown statistically. The micro-mechanism(s) of the particle acceleration and the auroral propagation will be discussed.

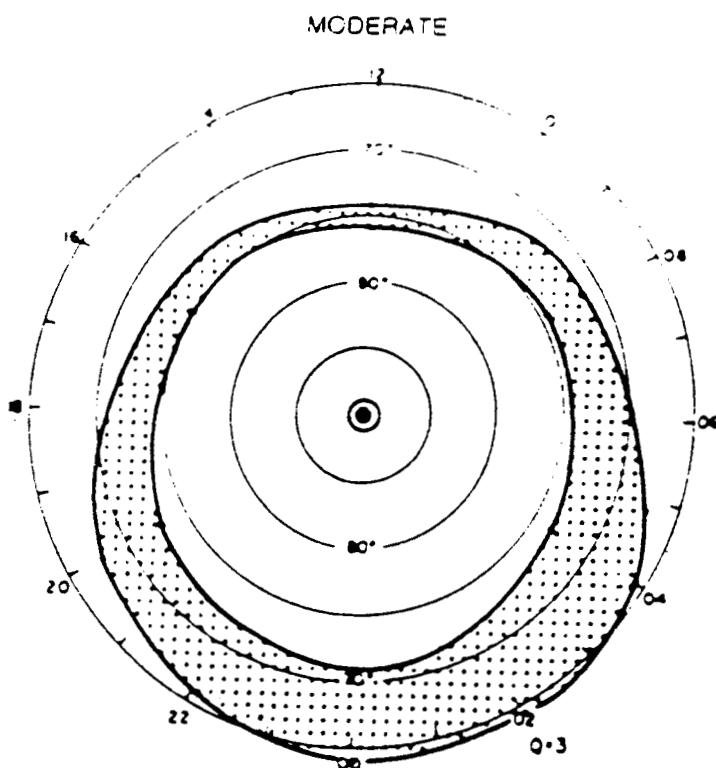
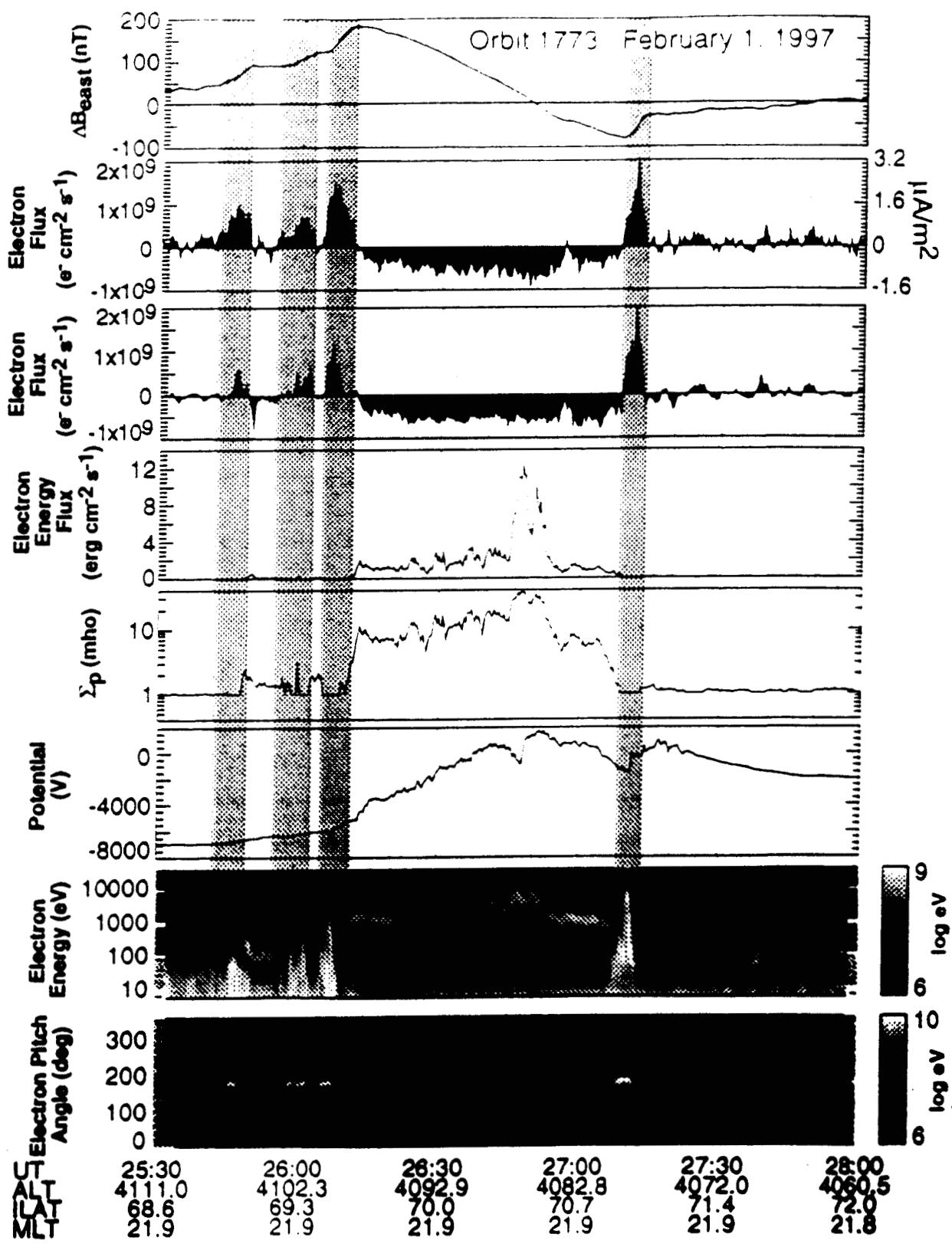


FIG. 14.8. Variation in the size of the auroral oval with activity. The shaded area represents the distribution of maximum auroral activity in the northern hemisphere. Coordinate system is corrected geomagnetic (CG) latitude and CG local time, and noon is at the top. (Adapted from Feldstein and Starkov, 1967.)



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Auroral Zone

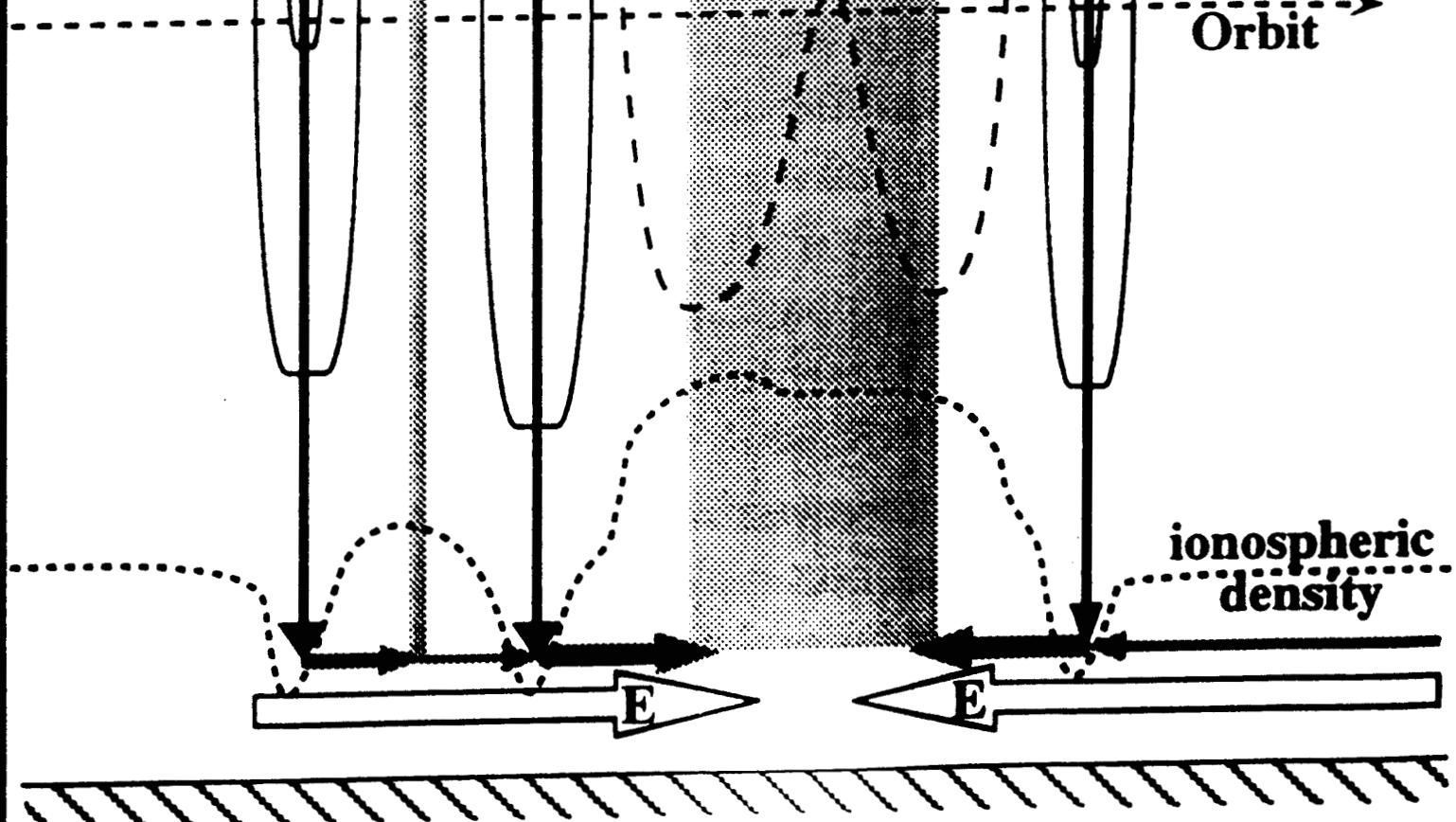
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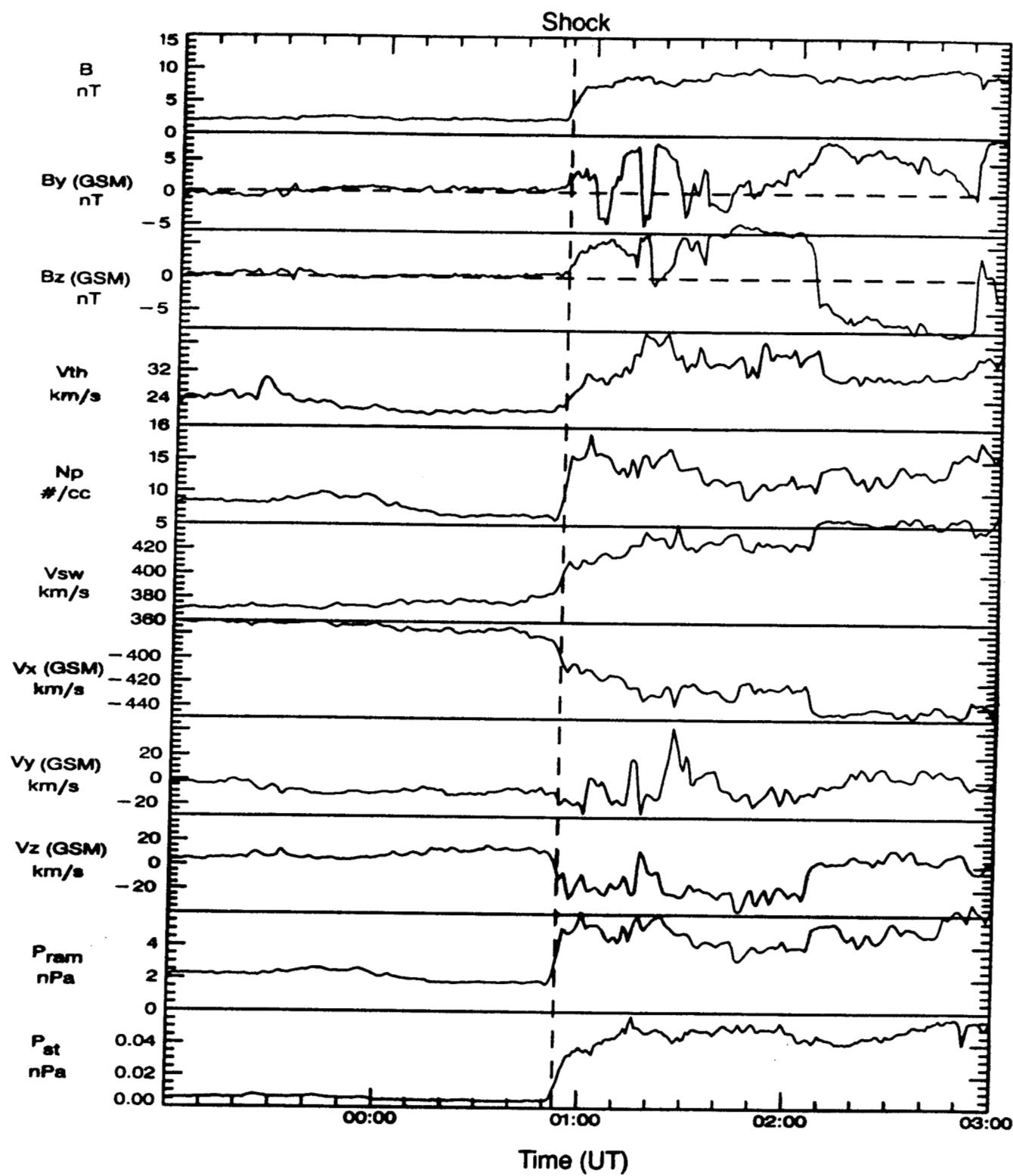
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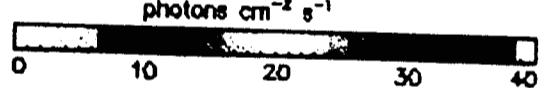
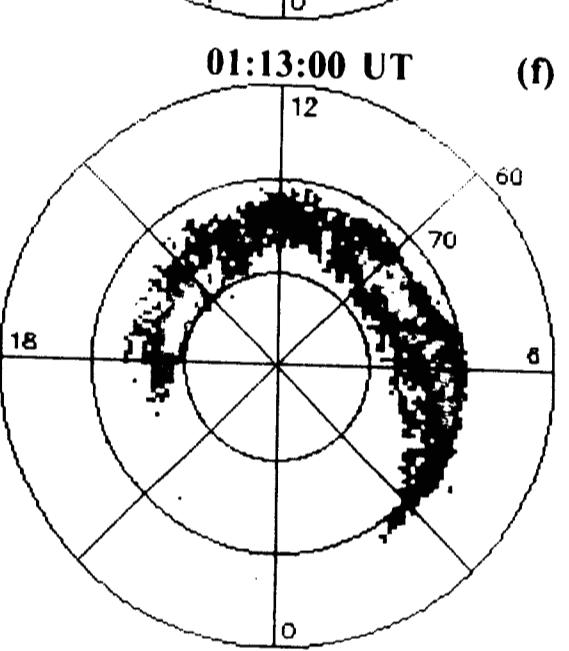
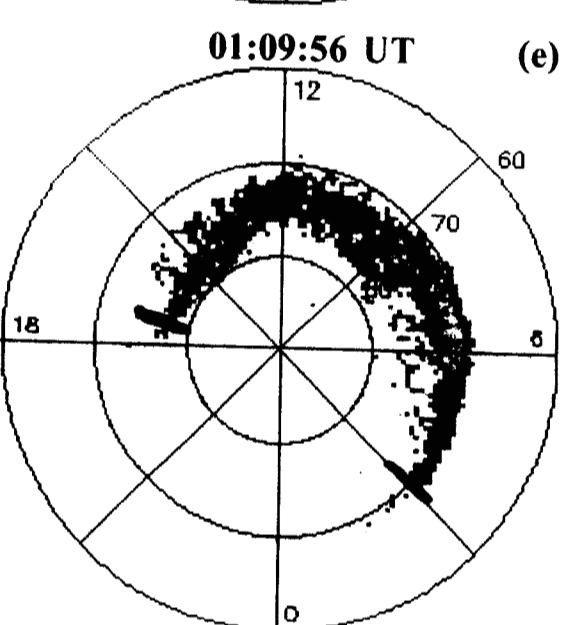
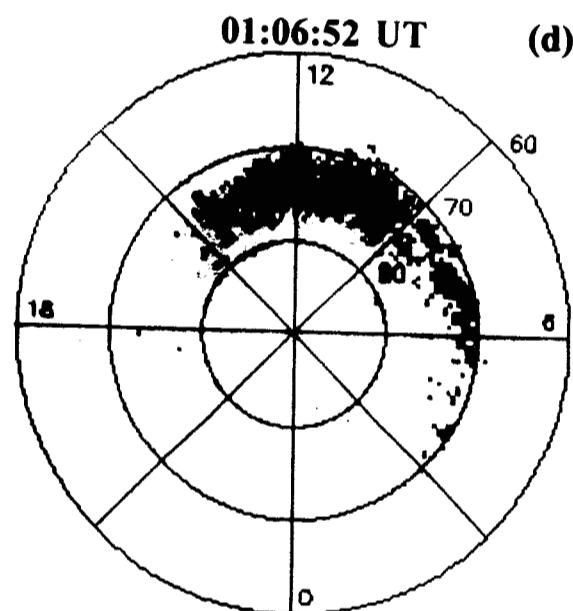
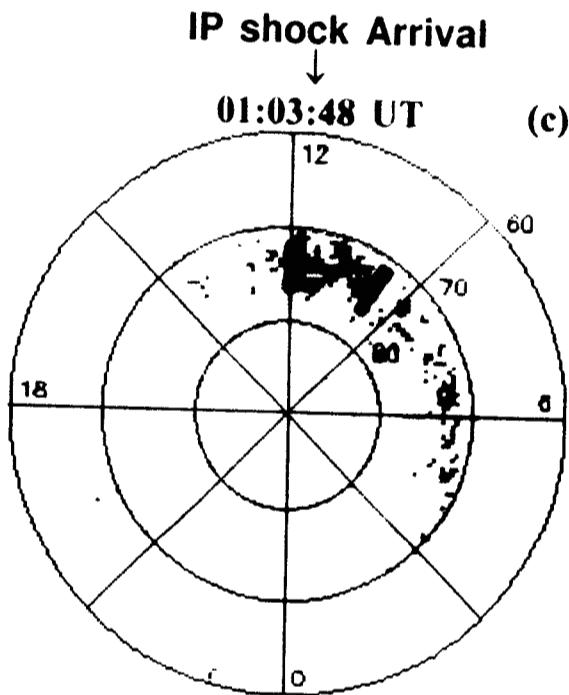
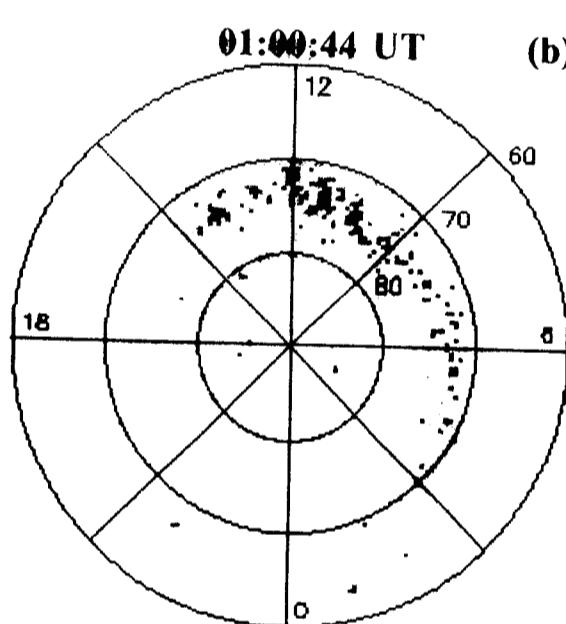
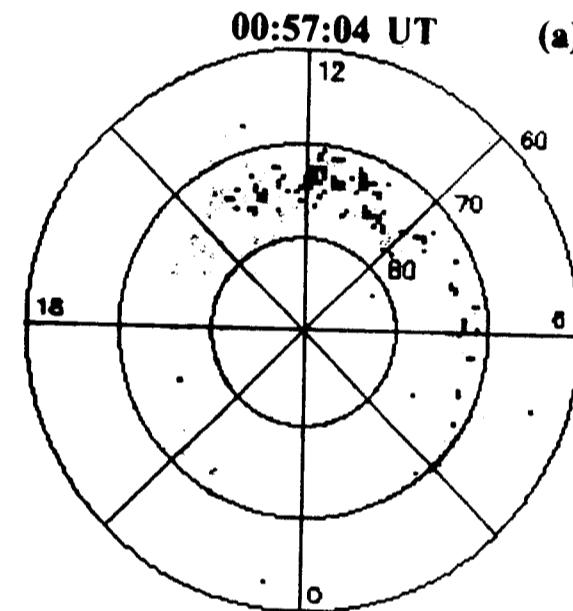
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WIND - January 10, 1997



Xgsm (Re)	84.3	84.7	85.1	85.4	85.8
Ygsm (Re)	-54.9	-54.9	-55.2	-55.8	-56.6
Zgsm (Re)	-23.3	-23.1	-22.1	-20.4	-18.1



POLAR UVI LBHL 36.8 s IP

January 10, 1997

Event	Ionospheric V (km/s)	Calculated V* (km/s)	Observed V _{sh/sw} (km/s)	Spacecraft Position (Re)
Jan 10, 97	6 (dusk)	280	300	I-T (Sheath) (-19, 19, 10)
Oct 1, 97	10 (dusk)	370	460	IMP-8 (SW) (10, 32, -3)
Dec 10, 97	11 (dawn)	365	360	GT (SW) (-4, -25, -0.5)

* Assuming a dipole field of L=10.

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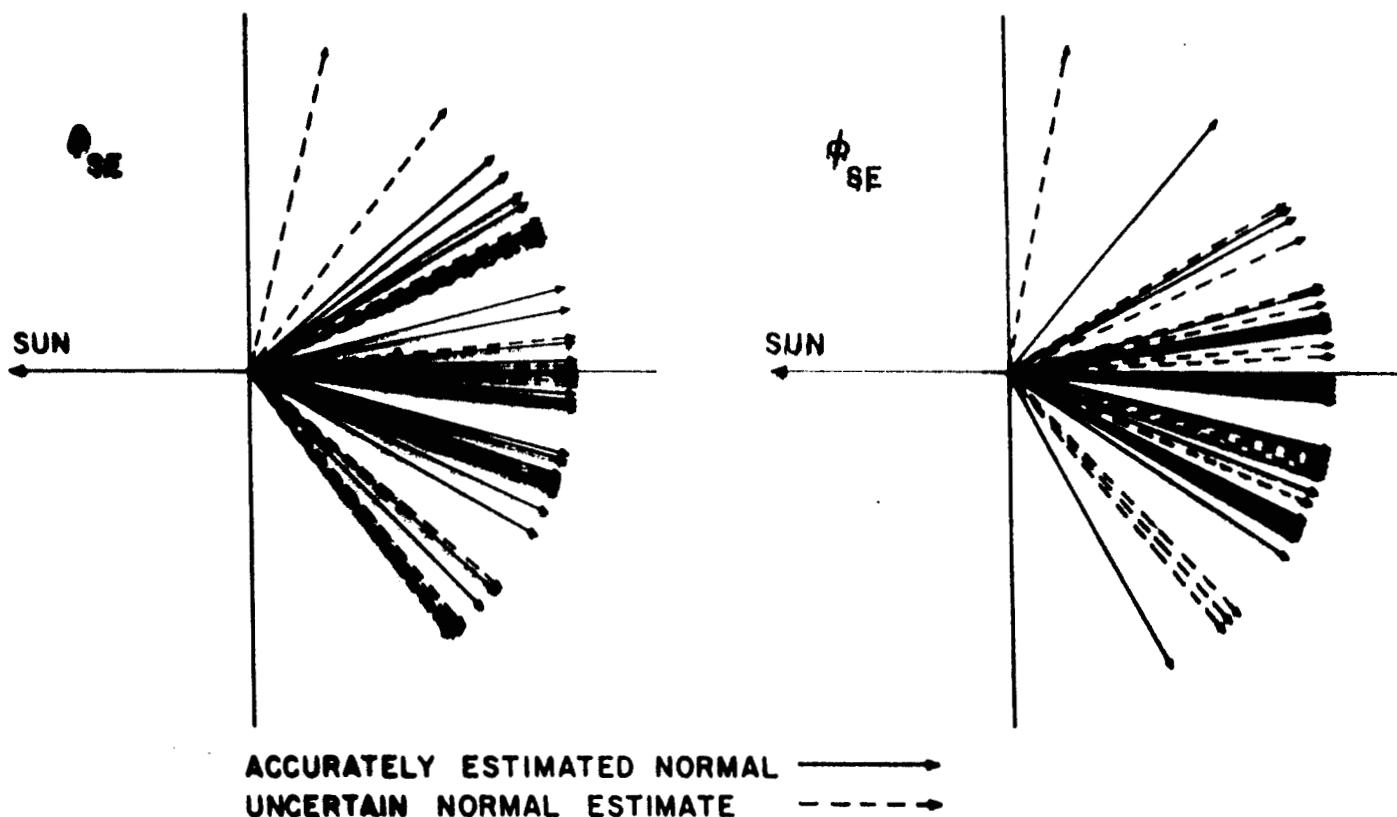
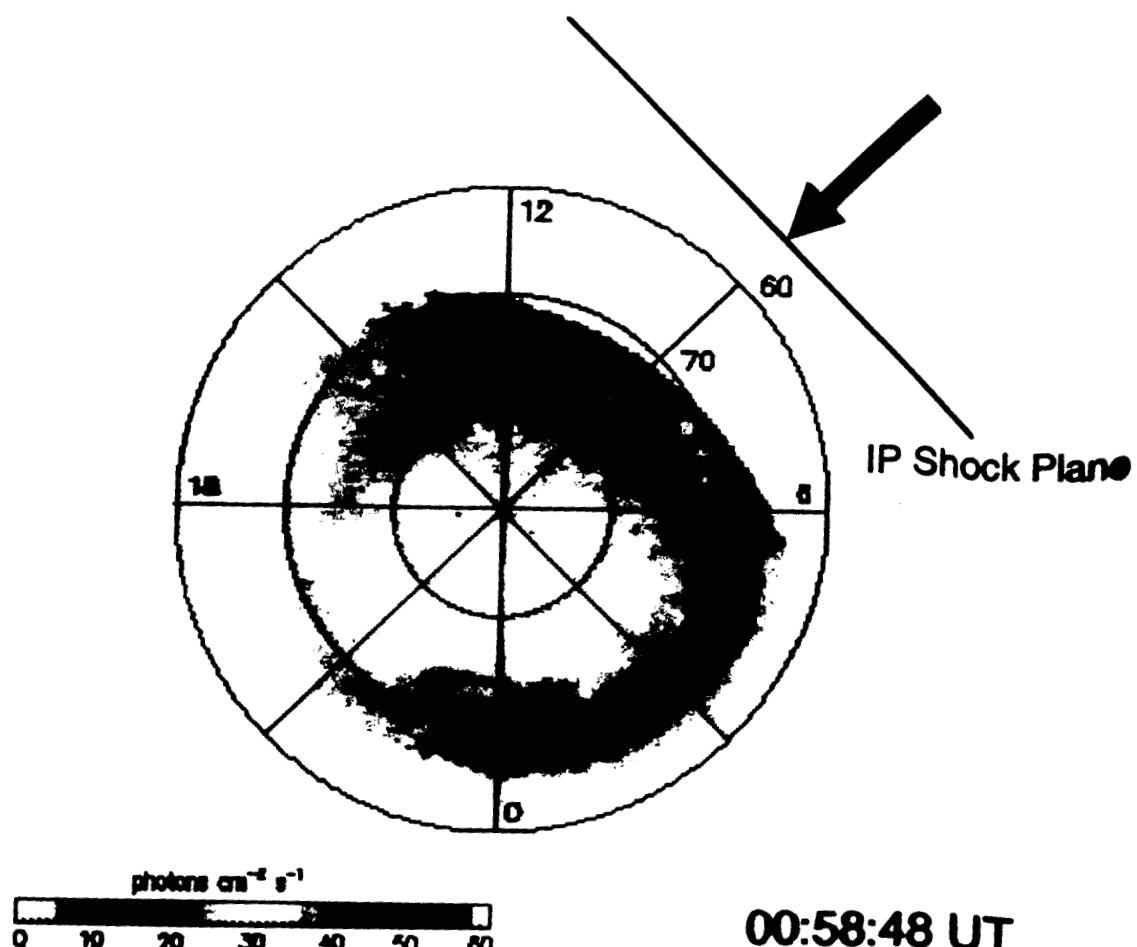


Fig. 2. Orientations of 38 shock normals. The angle θ , is the solar ecliptic latitude and ϕ , is the solar ecliptic longitude. The dashed arrows represent events with uncertainties larger than those represented by solid arrows (see text).

Shock normal= (-0.74, -0.3, -0.6) in GSM



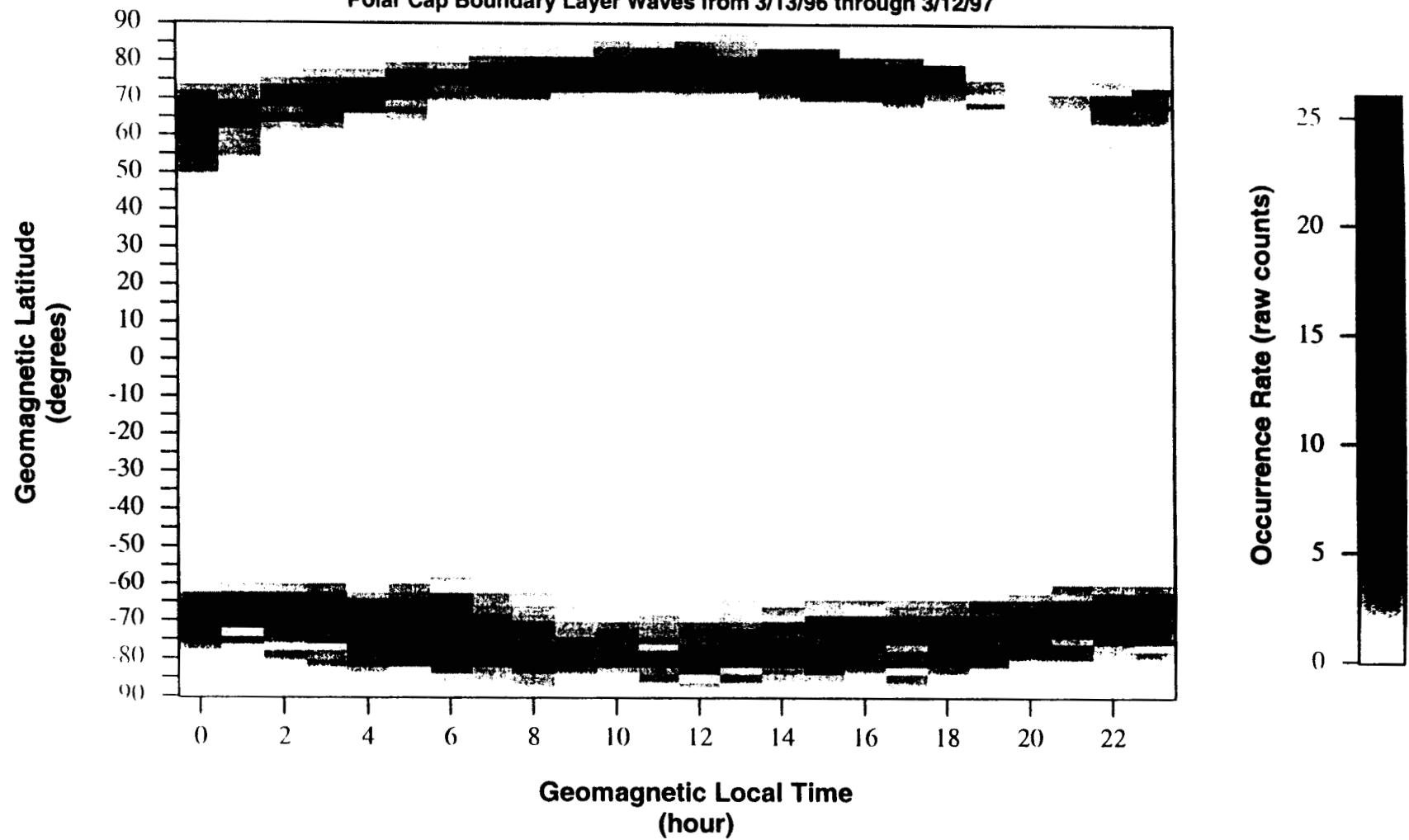
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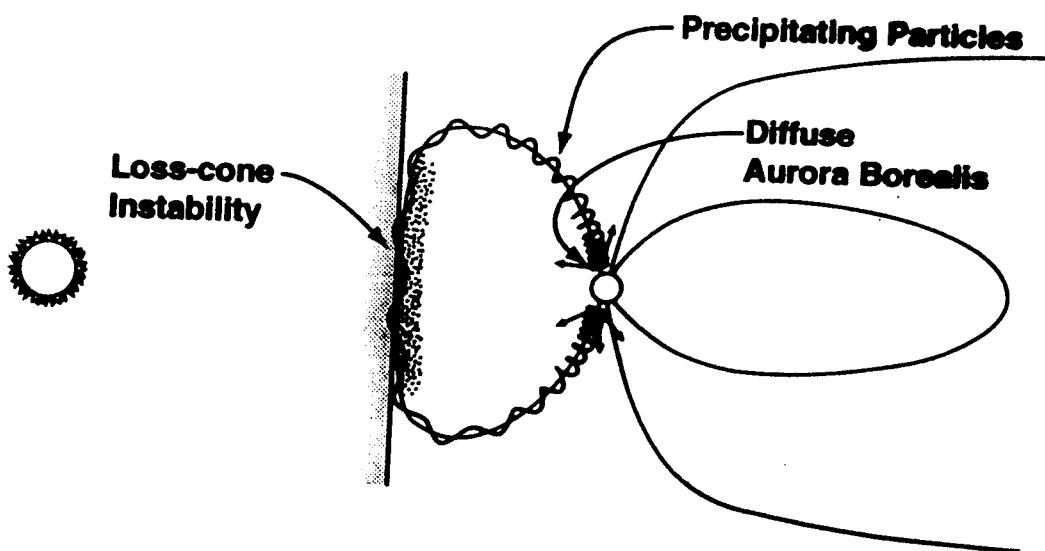
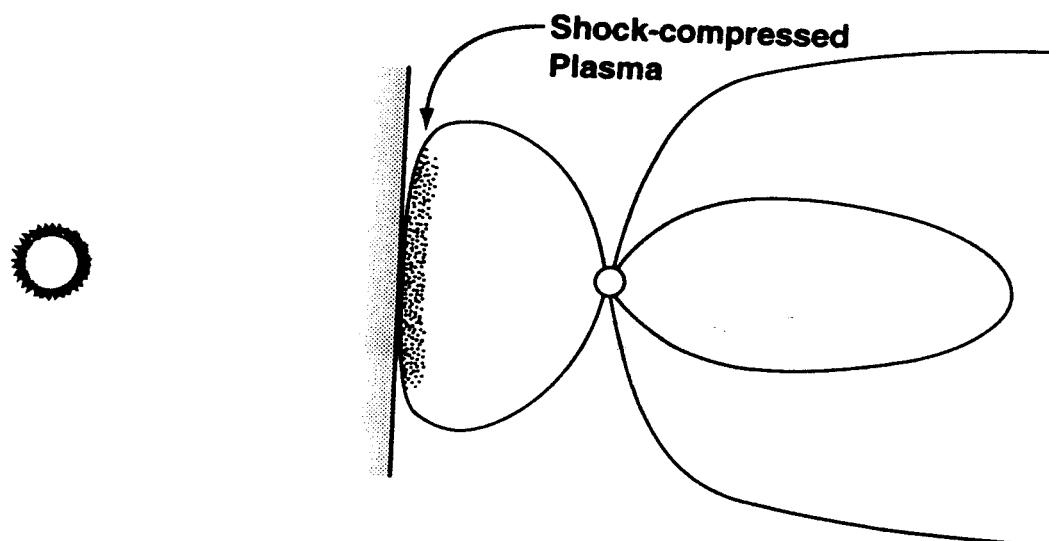
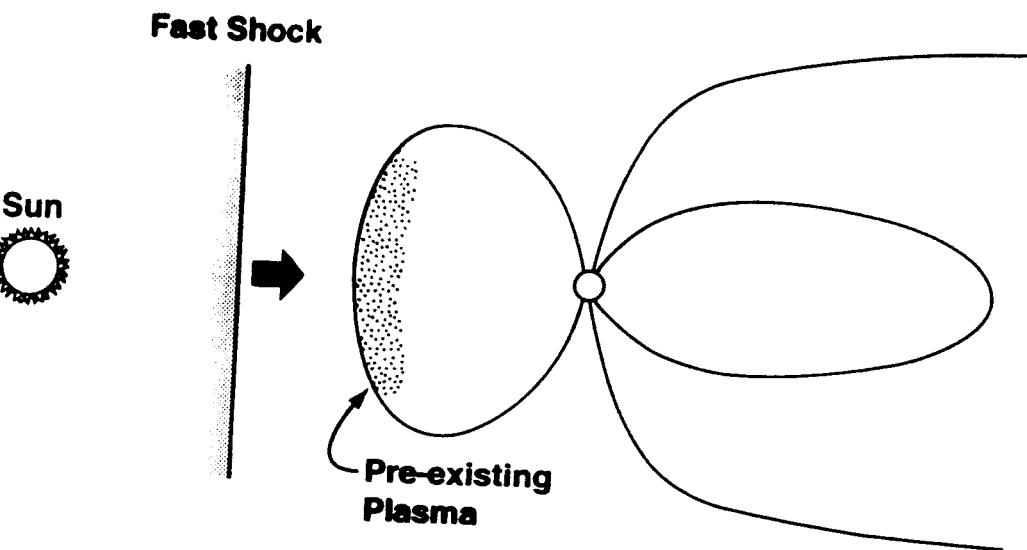
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POLAR Mission

Polar Cap Boundary Layer Waves from 3/13/96 through 3/12/97

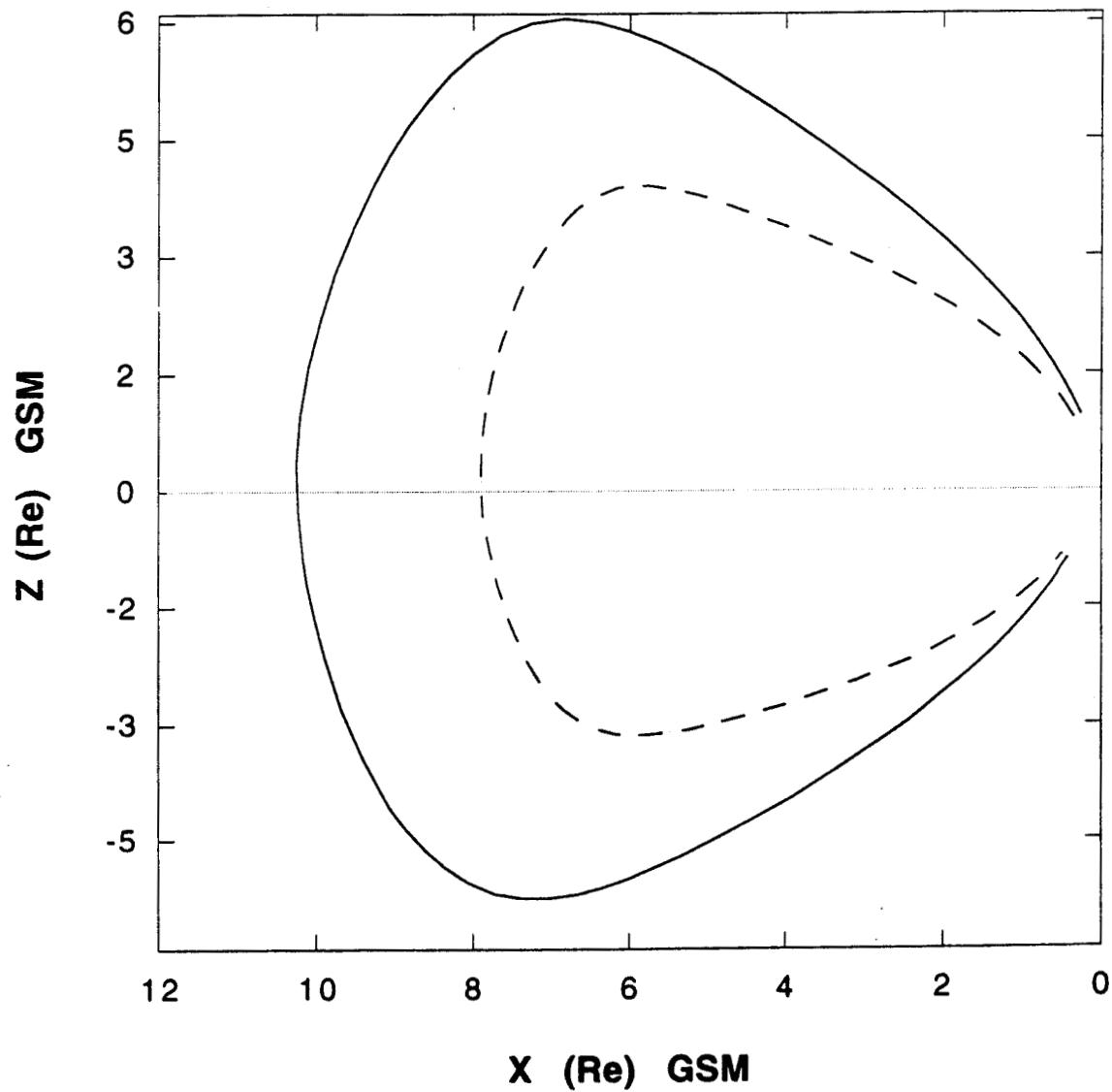


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-- - Z (Re 64deg/15nPa)
— Z (Re 70.5deg/3nPa)

**The Last Closed Magnetic Field Line
(Prior to and after IP shock compression)**



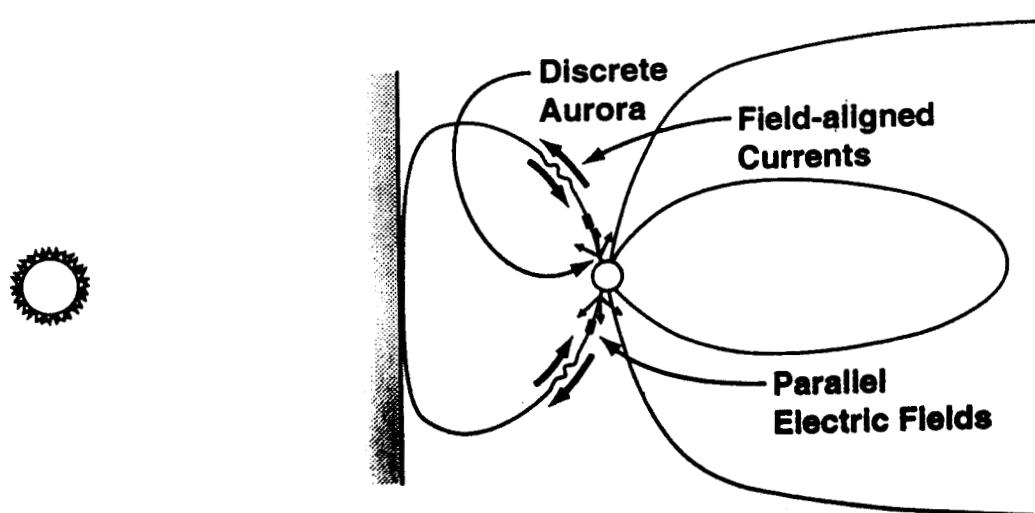
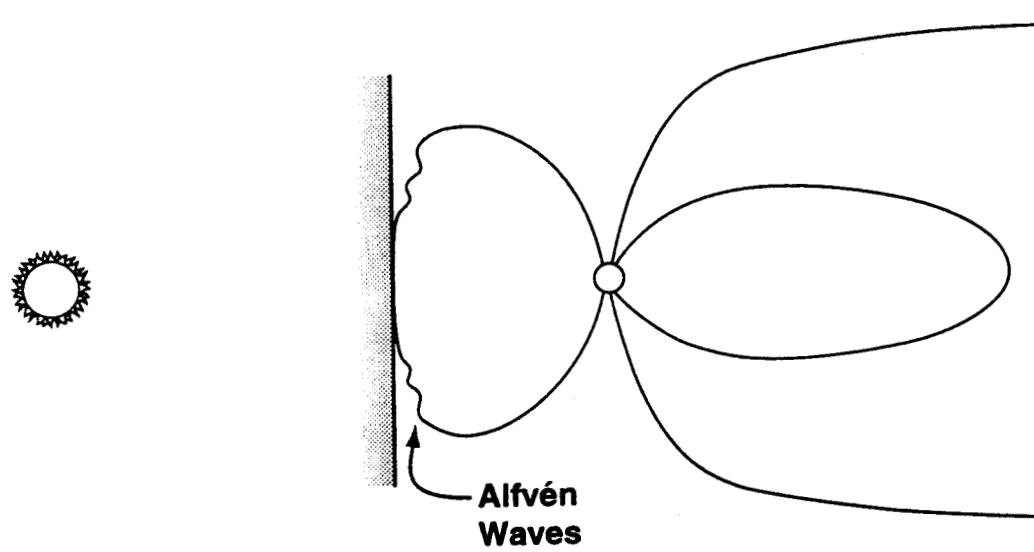
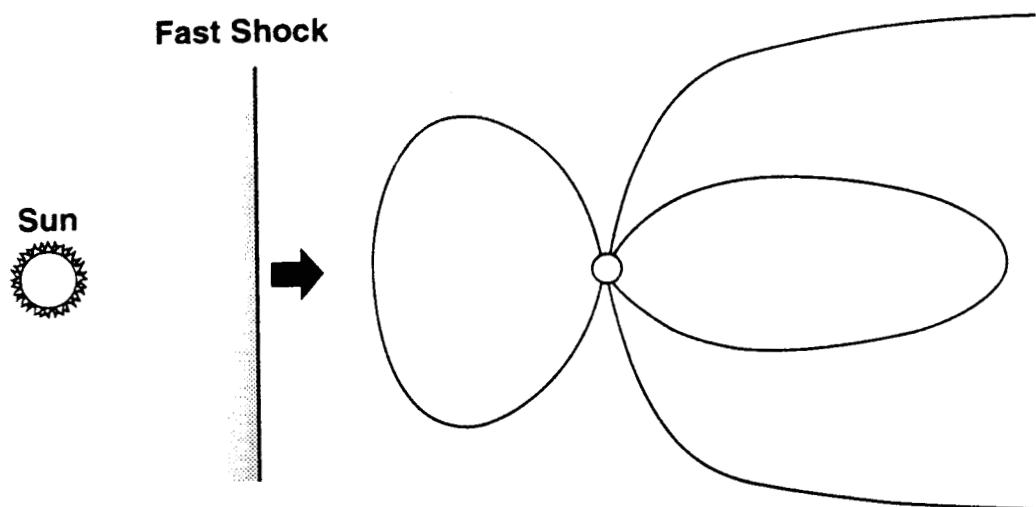
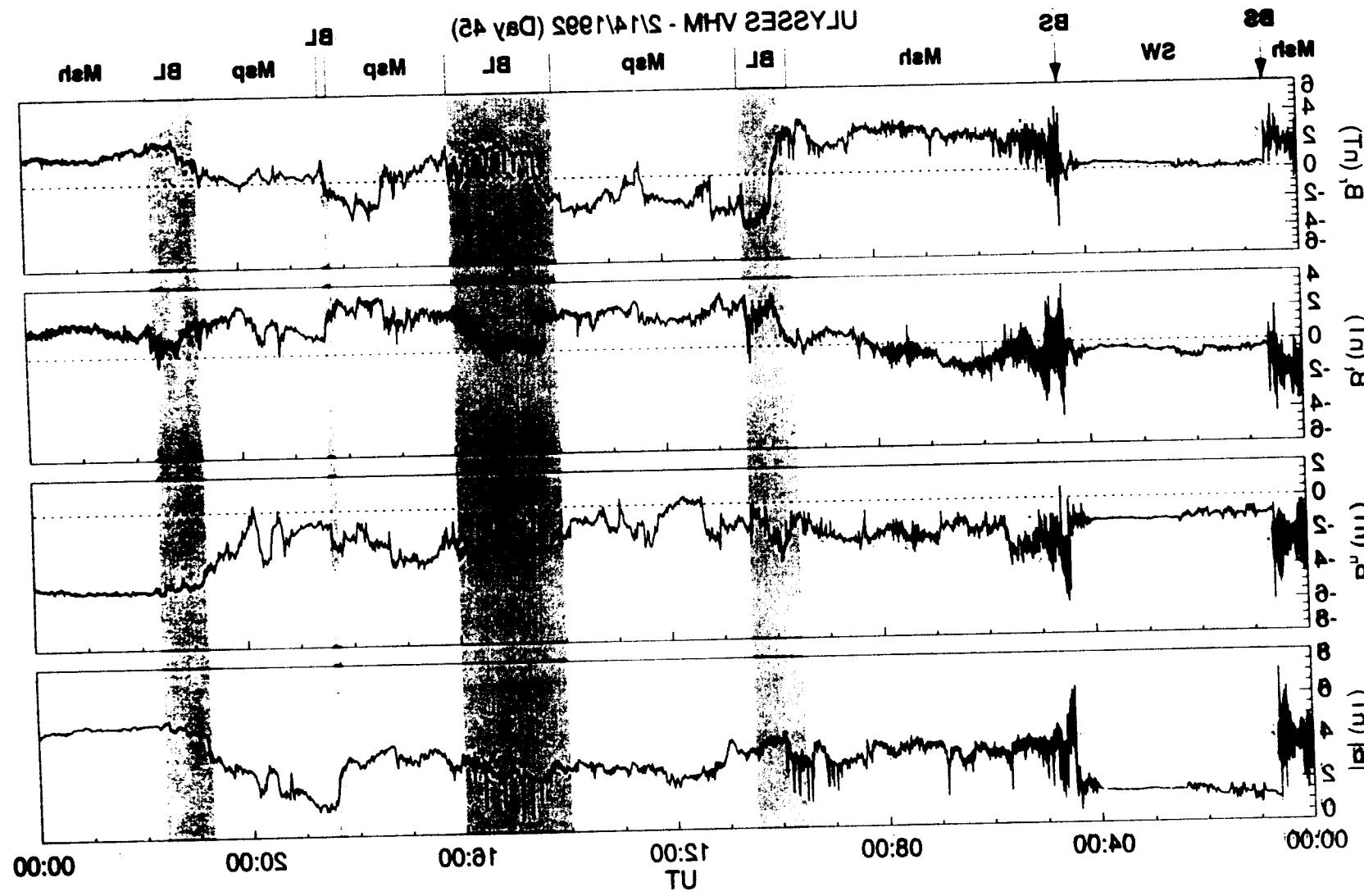


Table 1. The 14 BL crossings identified by *Phillips et al.* [1993]

Event	Transition	Boundary	Entry			Exit		
			Date	Day of Year	Time, UT	Date	Day of Year	Time, UT
1	Msh-BL-Msh	MP1	Feb. 2, 1992	033	2130	Feb. 2, 1992	033	2308
		MP2	Feb. 2, 1992	033	2222	Feb. 2, 1992	033	2308
2	Msp-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 3, 1992	034	1655	Feb. 3, 1992	034	1720
3	Msh-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 3, 1992	034	1945	Feb. 4, 1992	035	0025
4	Msh-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 4, 1992	035	0100	Feb. 4, 1992	035	0125
5	Msh-BL-Msp	MP	Feb. 4, 1992	035	0250	Feb. 4, 1992	035	0400
6	Msp-BL-Msp		Feb. 12, 1992	043	0024	Feb. 12, 1992	043	0100
			Feb. 12, 1992	043	1058	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1226
8	Msp-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1337	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1357
9	Msh-BL-Msp	MP	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1700	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1740
10	Msp-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1820	Feb. 12, 1992	043	1910
11	Msh-BL-Msp	MP	Feb. 14, 1992	045	0933	Feb. 14, 1992	045	1030
12	Msp-BL-Msp		Feb. 14, 1992	045	1400	Feb. 14, 1992	045	1600
13	Msp-BL-Msp		Feb. 14, 1992	045	1815	Feb. 14, 1992	045	1825
14	Msp-BL-Msh	MP	Feb. 14, 1992	045	2045	Feb. 14, 1992	045	2140

Magnetosheath (Msh), boundary layer (BL), and magnetosphere (Msp), with identification of the boundary crossed, bow shock (BS) or magnetopause (MP). MP1 - based on magnetic field observations. MP2 - based on plasma observations. There are five crossings on the Ulysses inbound pass, days 33-35, 1992, and nine crossings on the outbound pass, days 43-45, 1992. The events have been numbered in chronological order for ease of description.



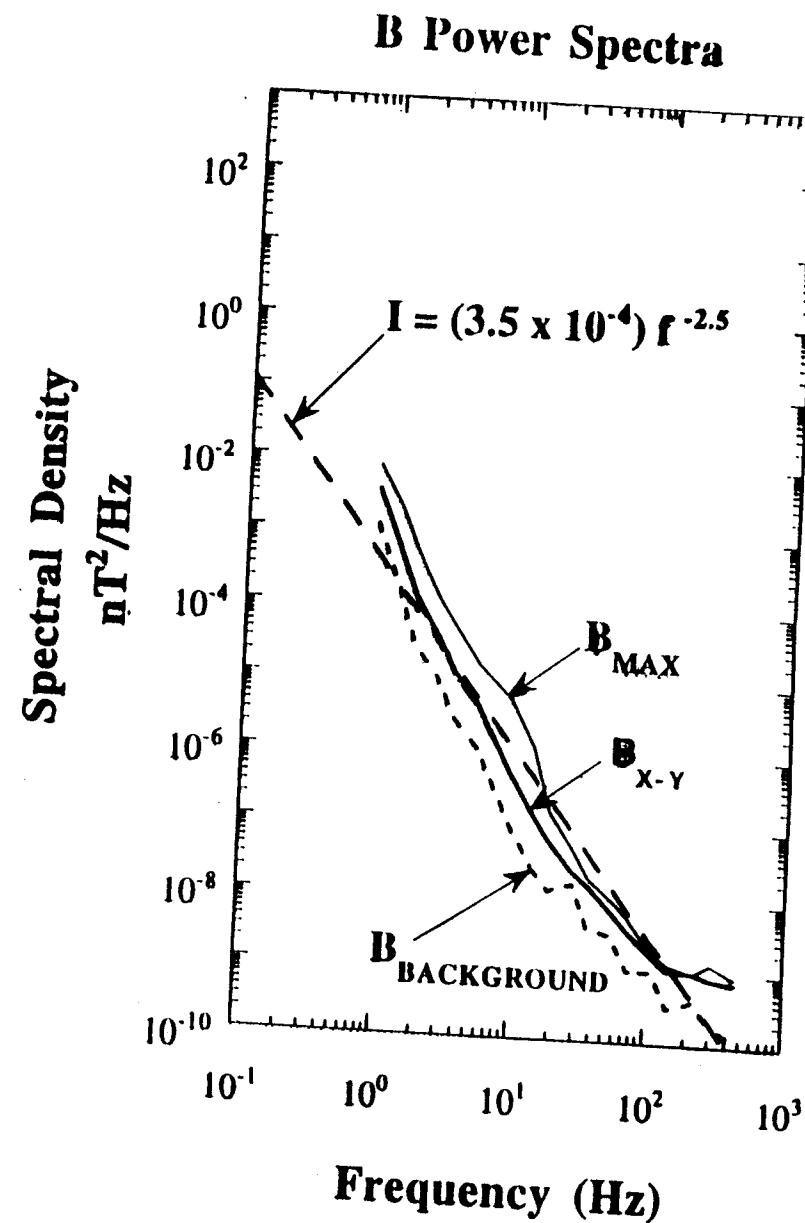
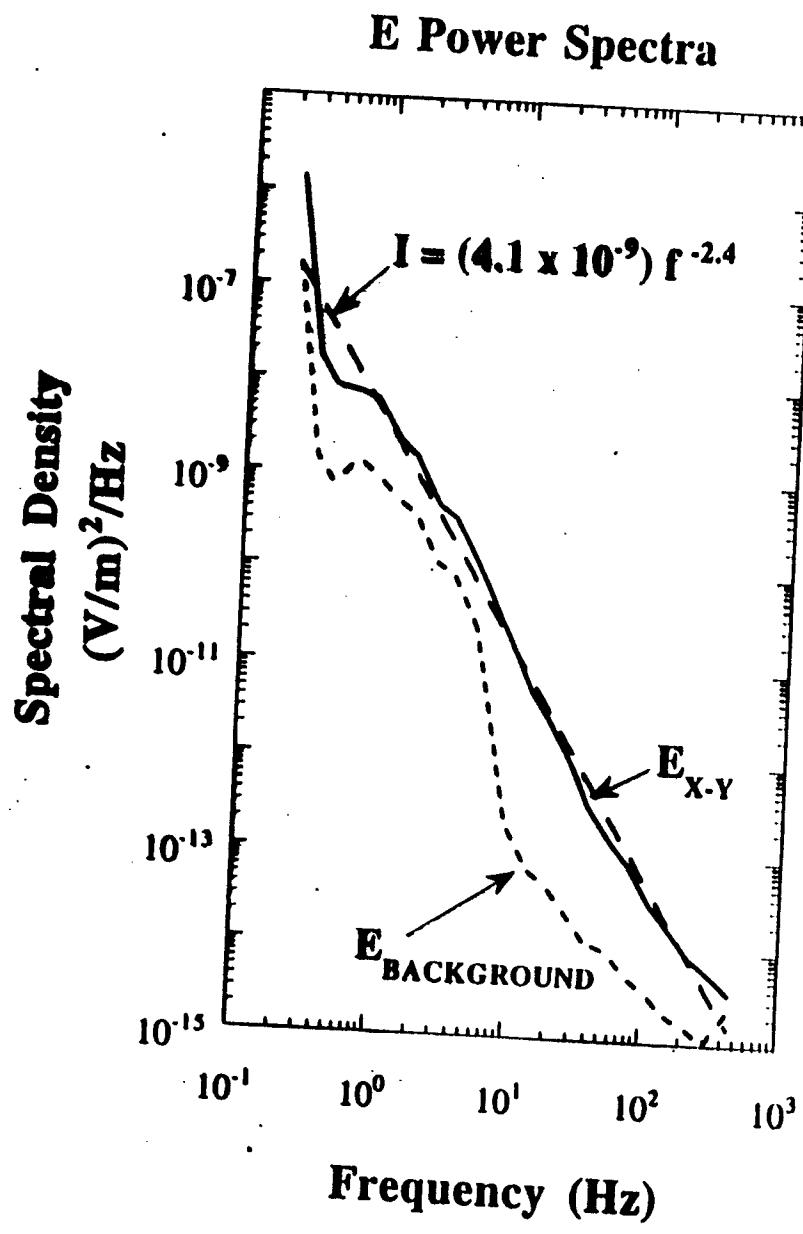
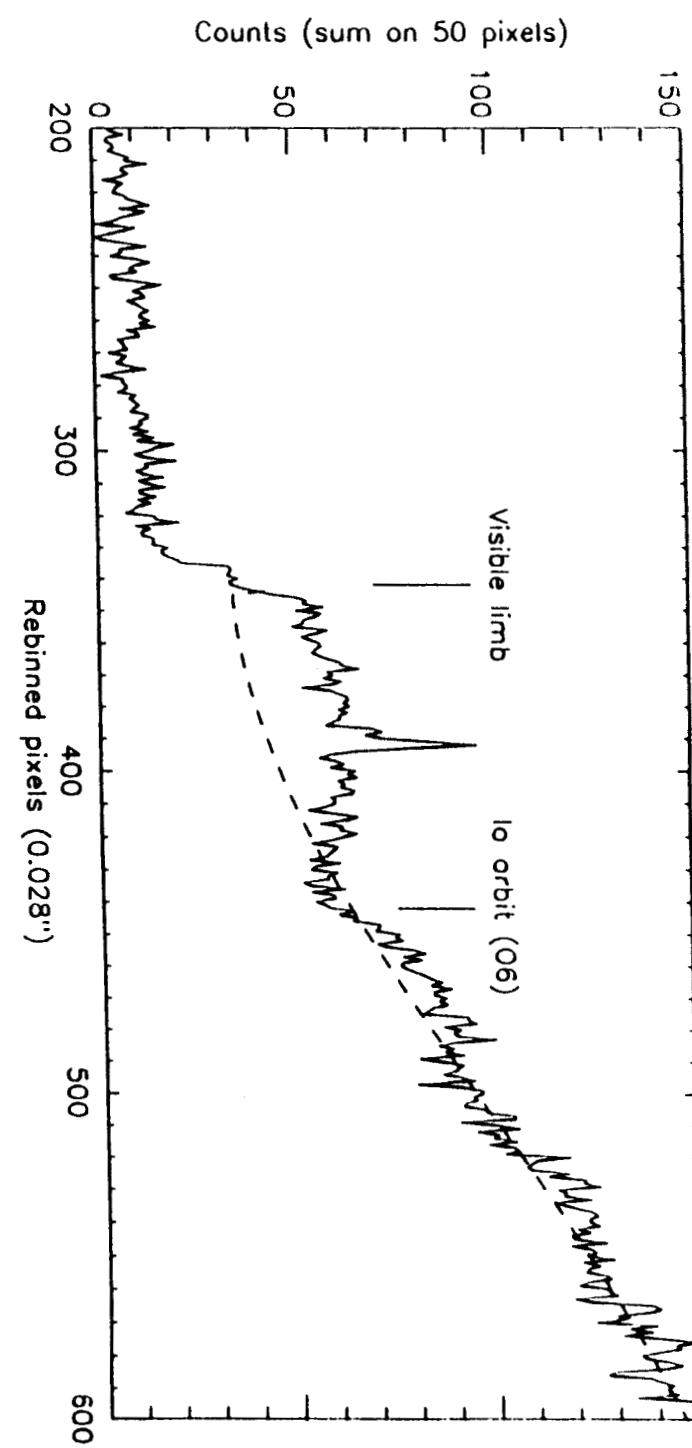
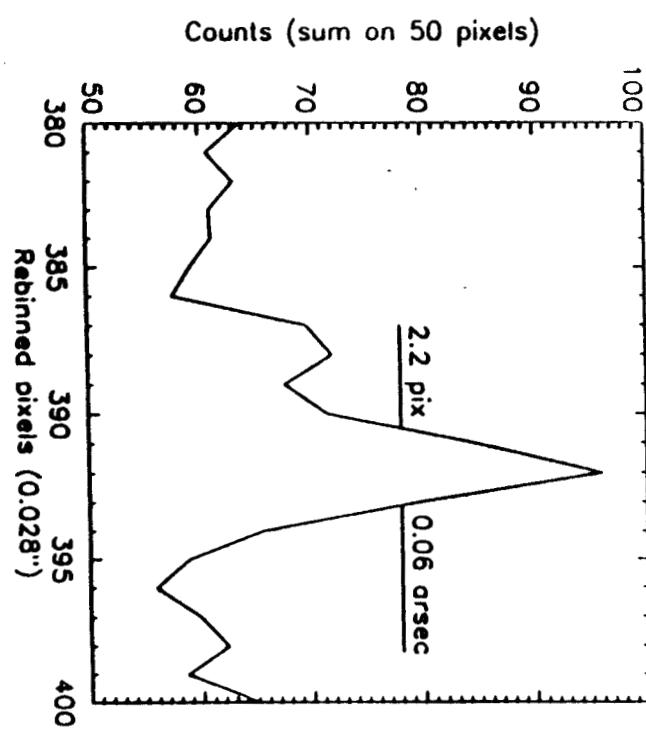


Figure 5

Table 2. A comparison of the Jovian BL plasma wave spectra and the Earth's wave spectra

Spacecraft	Location	Date	B'	E'
ISEE 1^a	Earth magnetopause	day 314, 1977	$\sim f^{-3.3}$	$\sim f^{-2.2}$
ISEE 1 and 2^b	Earth magnetopause	1977	$(1 \times 10^1) f^{-3.9}$	$(3 \times 10^{-5}) f^{-2.8}$
ISEE 1 and 2^c	Earth magnetopause	1977	$(7.9 \times 10^{-2}) f^{-2.9}$	$(6.3 \times 10^{-6}) f^{-2.2}$
GEOS 2^d	Earth magnetopause	day 240, 1978	X: $(3.6 \times 10^1) f^{-2.6}$ Y: $(1.8 \times 10^1) f^{-2.4}$ Z: $(2.8 \times 10^1) f^{-2.7}$	$(1.2 \times 10^{-6}) f^{-2.6}$
ISEE 1^e	Earth magnetopause	1977-79	$(3 \times 10^{-1}) f^{-3.3}$	$(6 \times 10^{-7}) f^{-2.1}$
Ulysses	Jupiter magnetopause	day 043, 1992	$(2 \times 10^{-4}) f^{-2.4}$	$(4 \times 10^{-9}) f^{-2.4}$

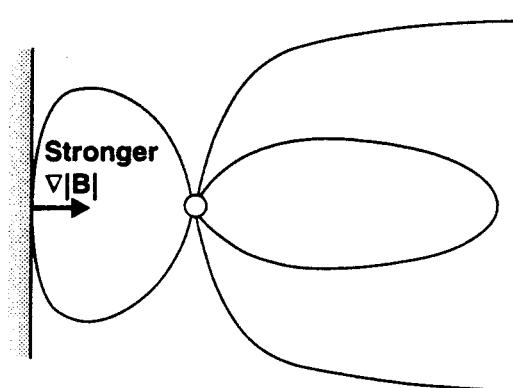
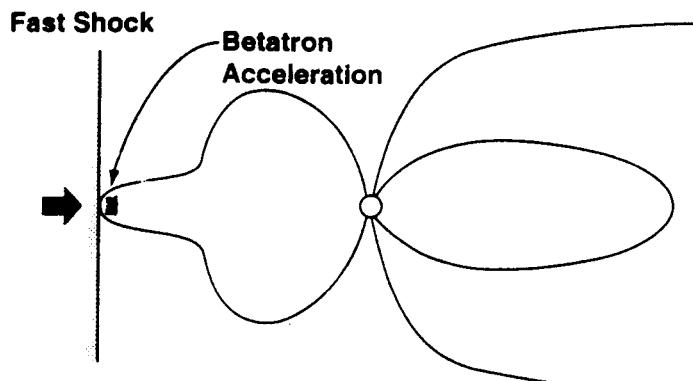


JOVIAN LLBL REGION AND AURORAL LATITUDINAL WIDTHS

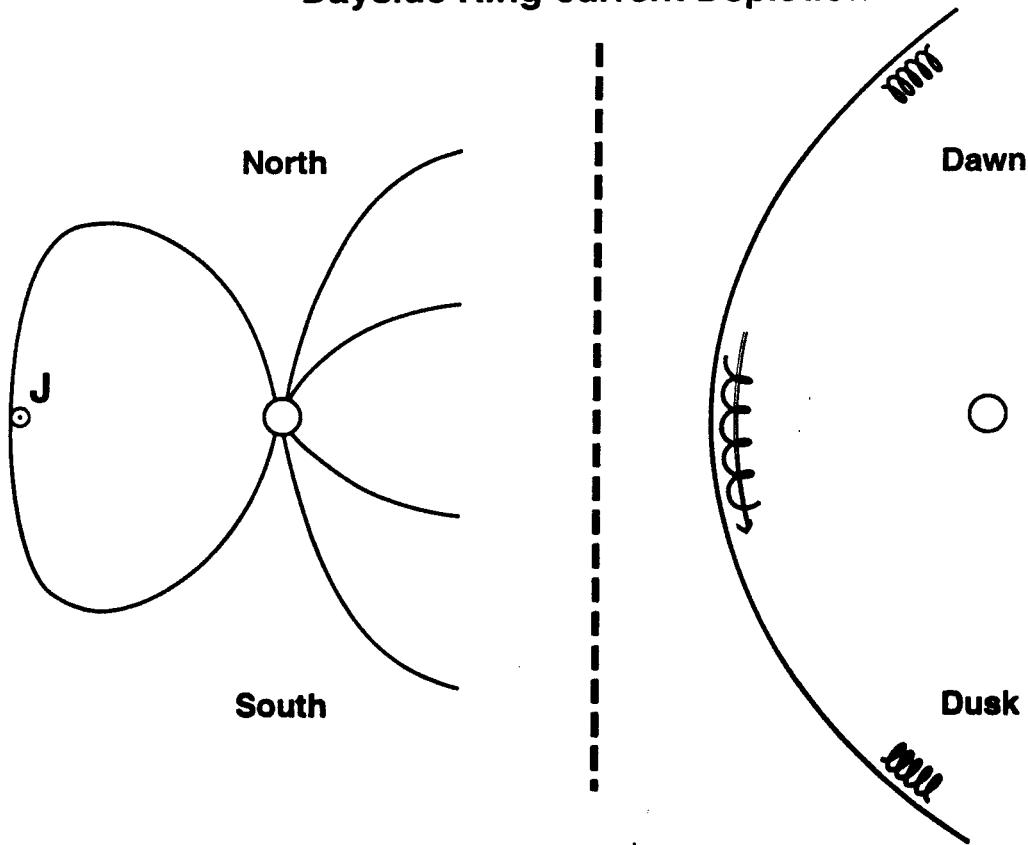
- Mapping the Jovian BL to ionospheric heights give latitudinal widths of ~150-200 km.
- The “main” Jovian ovals can be as narrow as 230 ± 100 km in width.

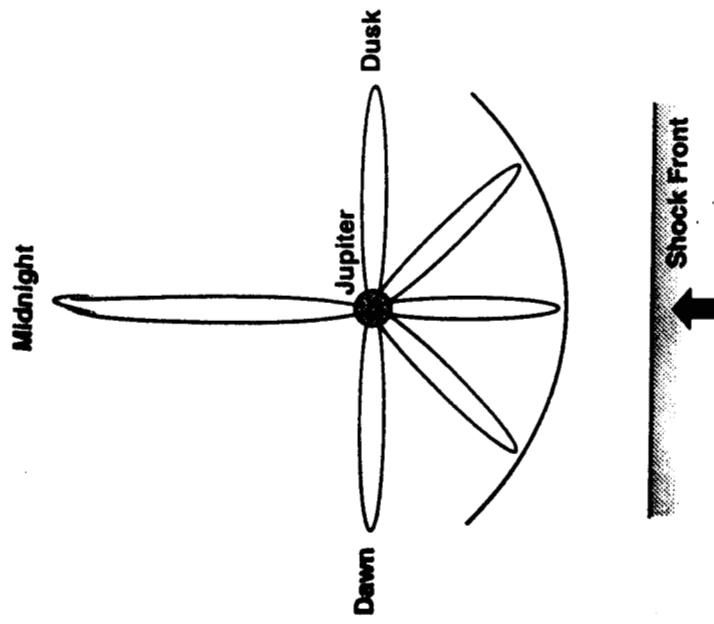
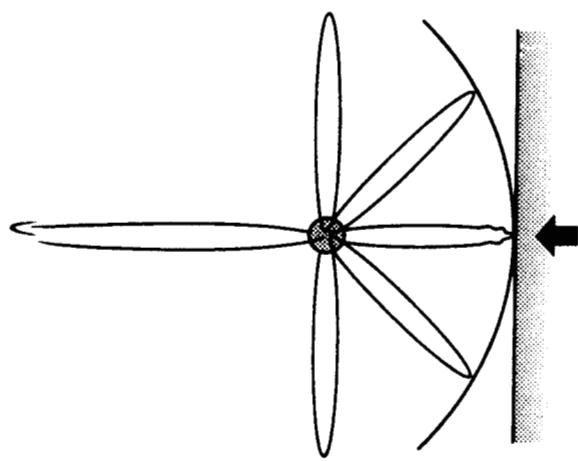
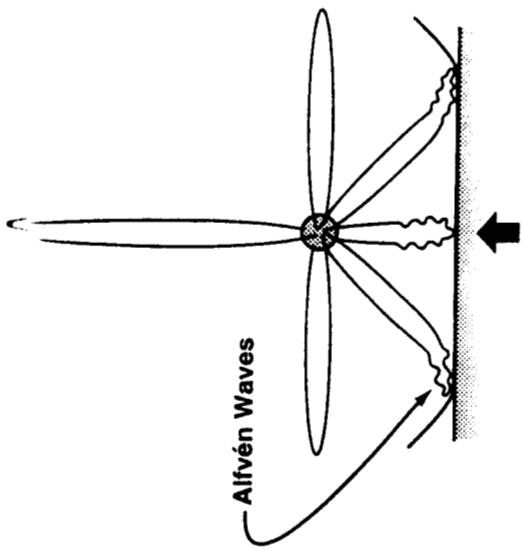
Do Pitch Angle Scattering of Electrons and Ions Have Insufficient Energies to Create Aurora?

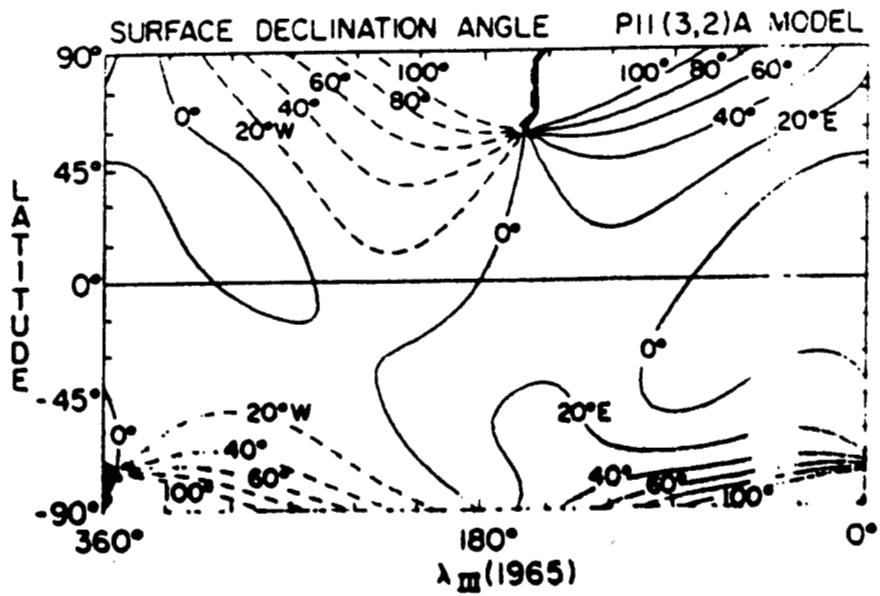
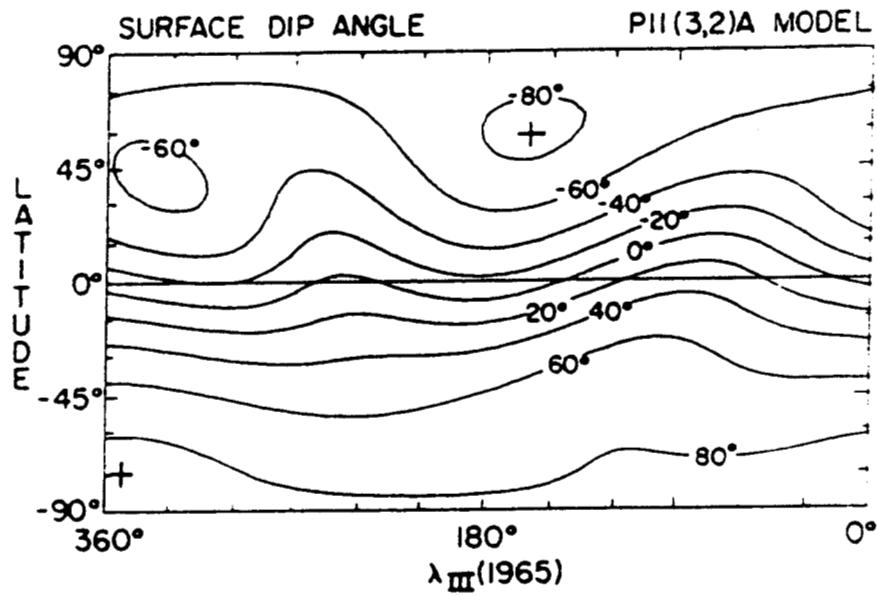
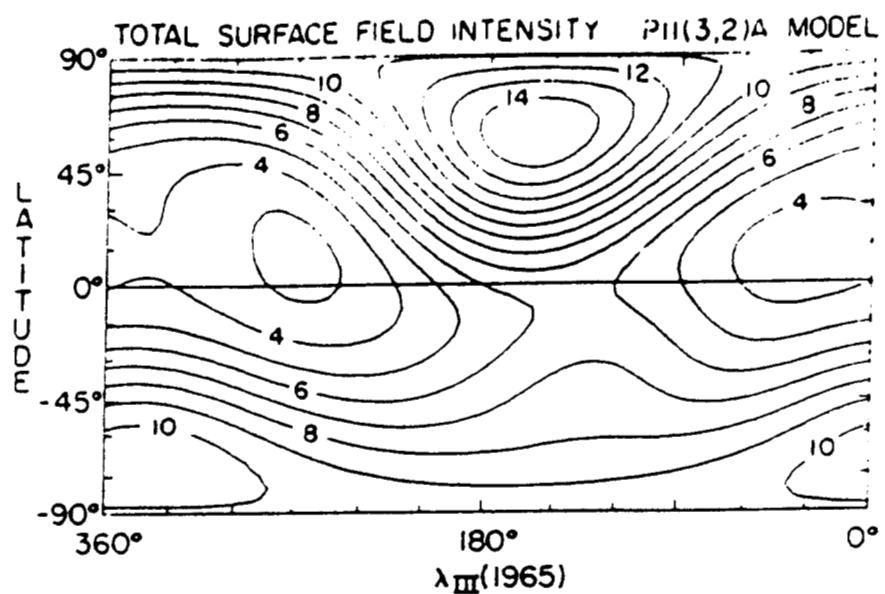
- 1-5 keV electrons and 1 keV – 1 MeV protons on strong pitch angle diffusion. But $E_{TOTAL} = 0.1 \text{ erg cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$.



Dayside Ring-current Depletion







FIELD-ALIGNED POTENTIAL DROPS*

$$j_{\parallel} = k \cdot \phi_{\parallel} \quad \text{where } k^{-1} \text{ is the mirror impedance} = \frac{m_e C_{BL}}{e^2 n_{BL}}$$

$$\phi_{\parallel} = j_{\parallel} k^{-1} = j_{\parallel_{BL}} \frac{B_c}{B_{BL}} k^{-1}$$

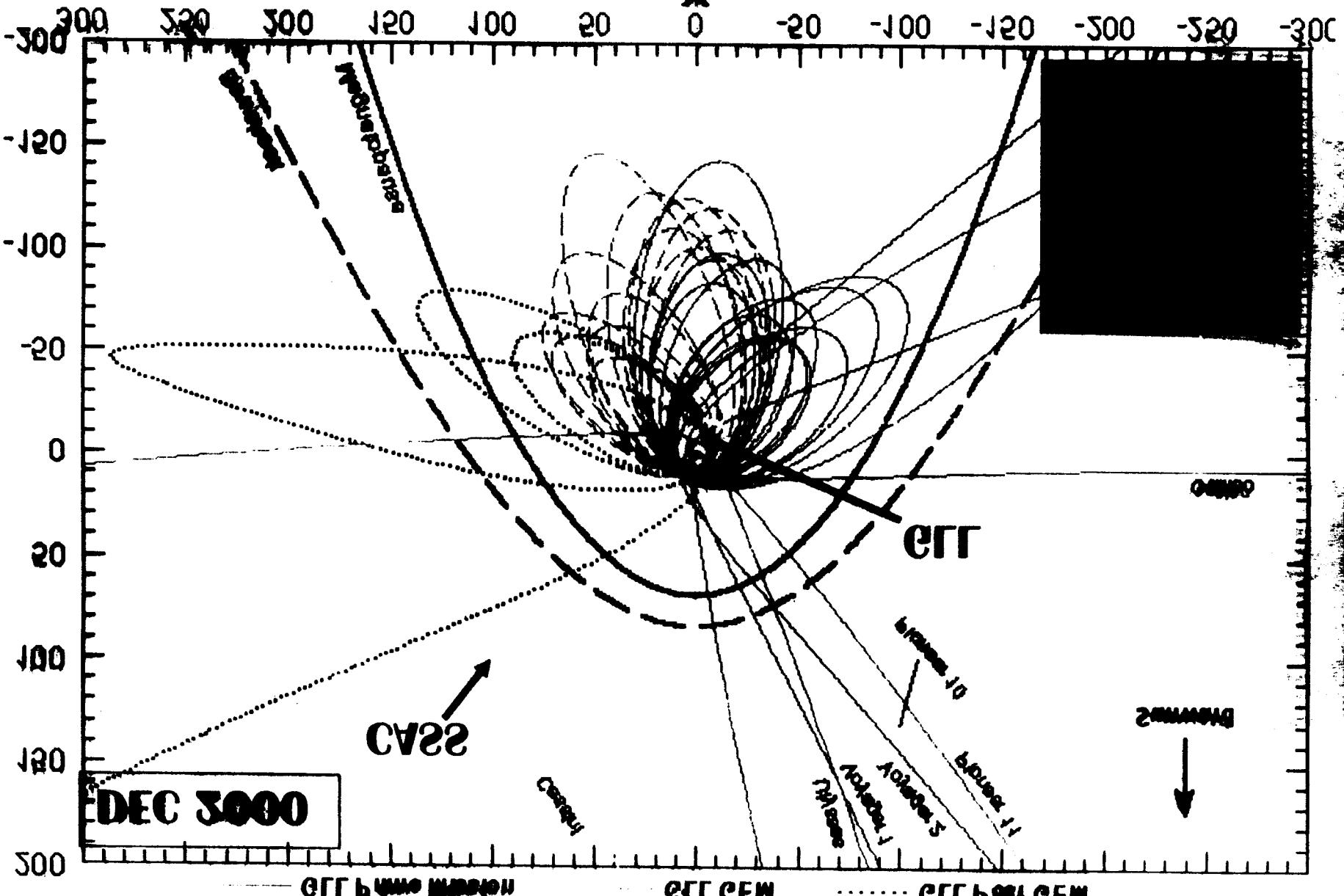
let: $B_{\perp} \approx B_{BL} \approx 5nT$, $B_0 \approx 10G$,

$w = 7,000 \text{ km}$ (Sonnerup et al., 1981), $n_{BL} = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$,

$C_{BL} = 10^4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

$$\phi_{\parallel} = 50 \text{ kilo Volts}$$

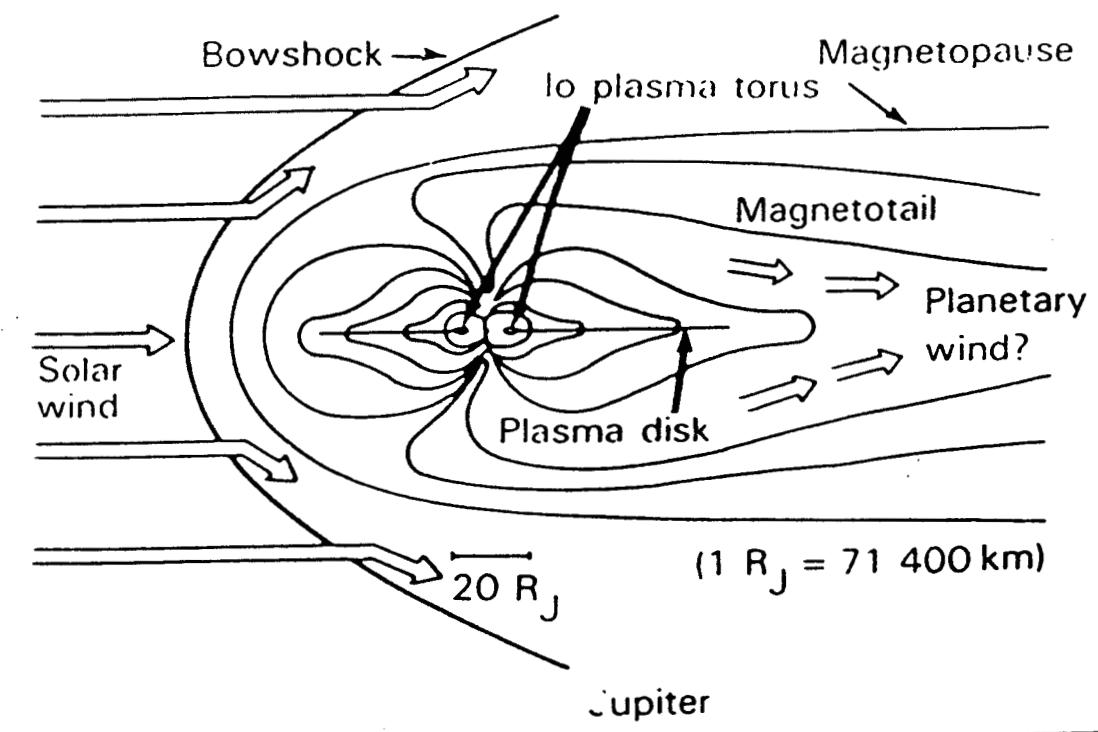
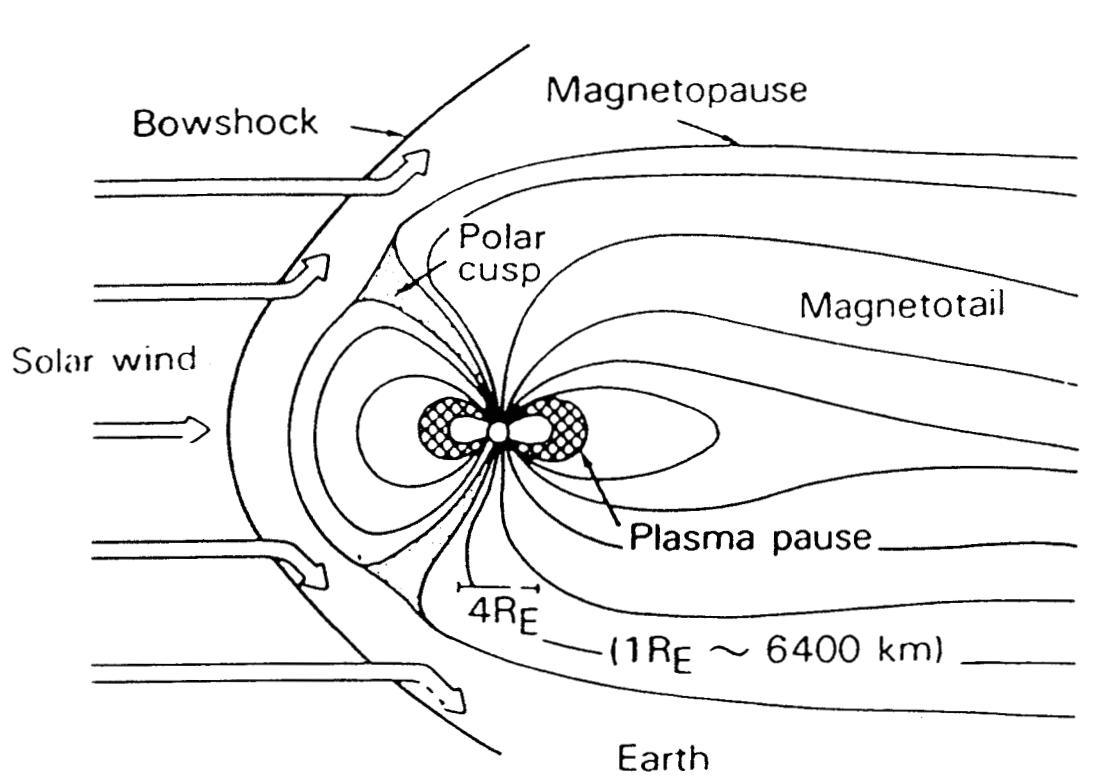
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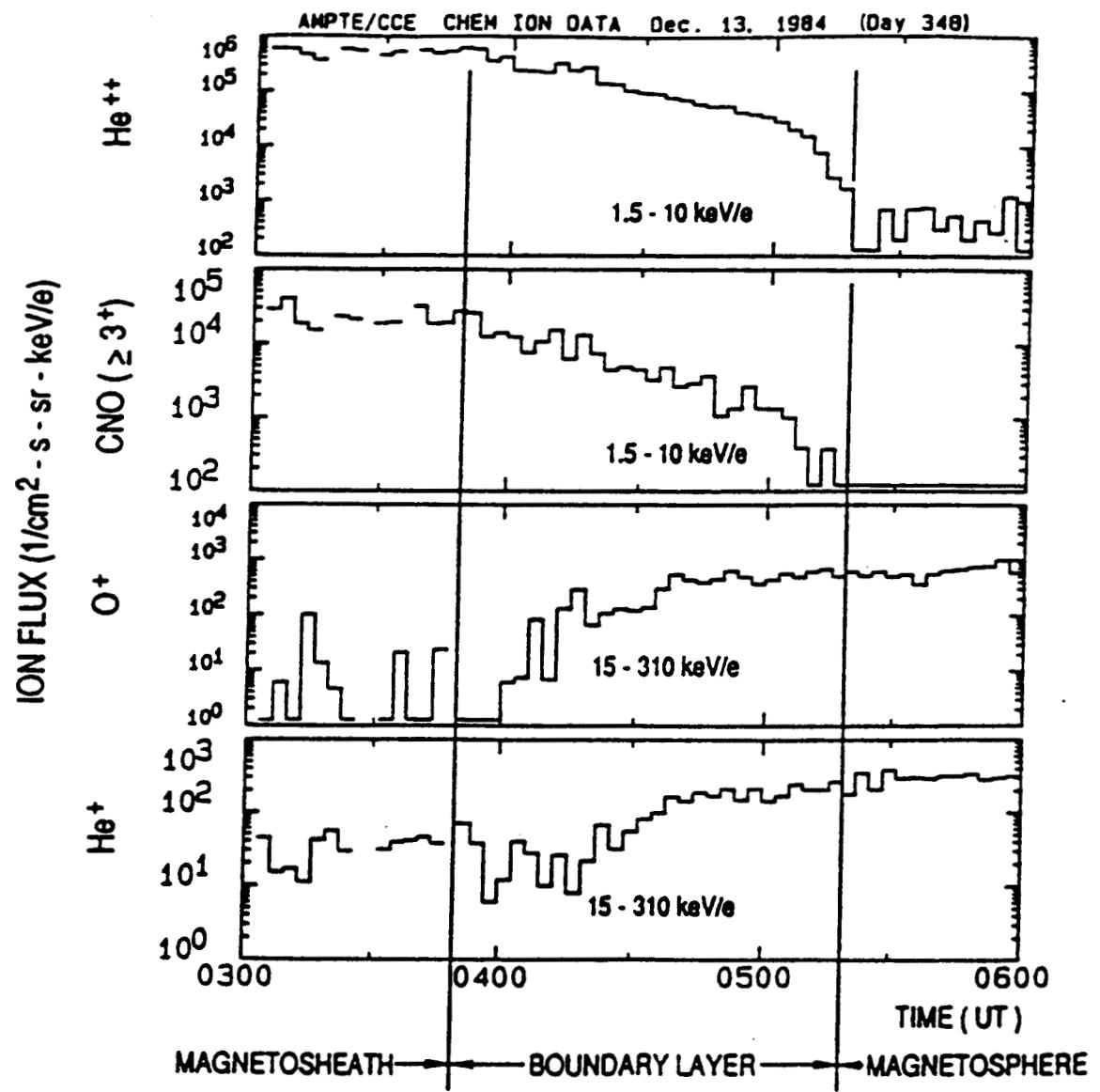


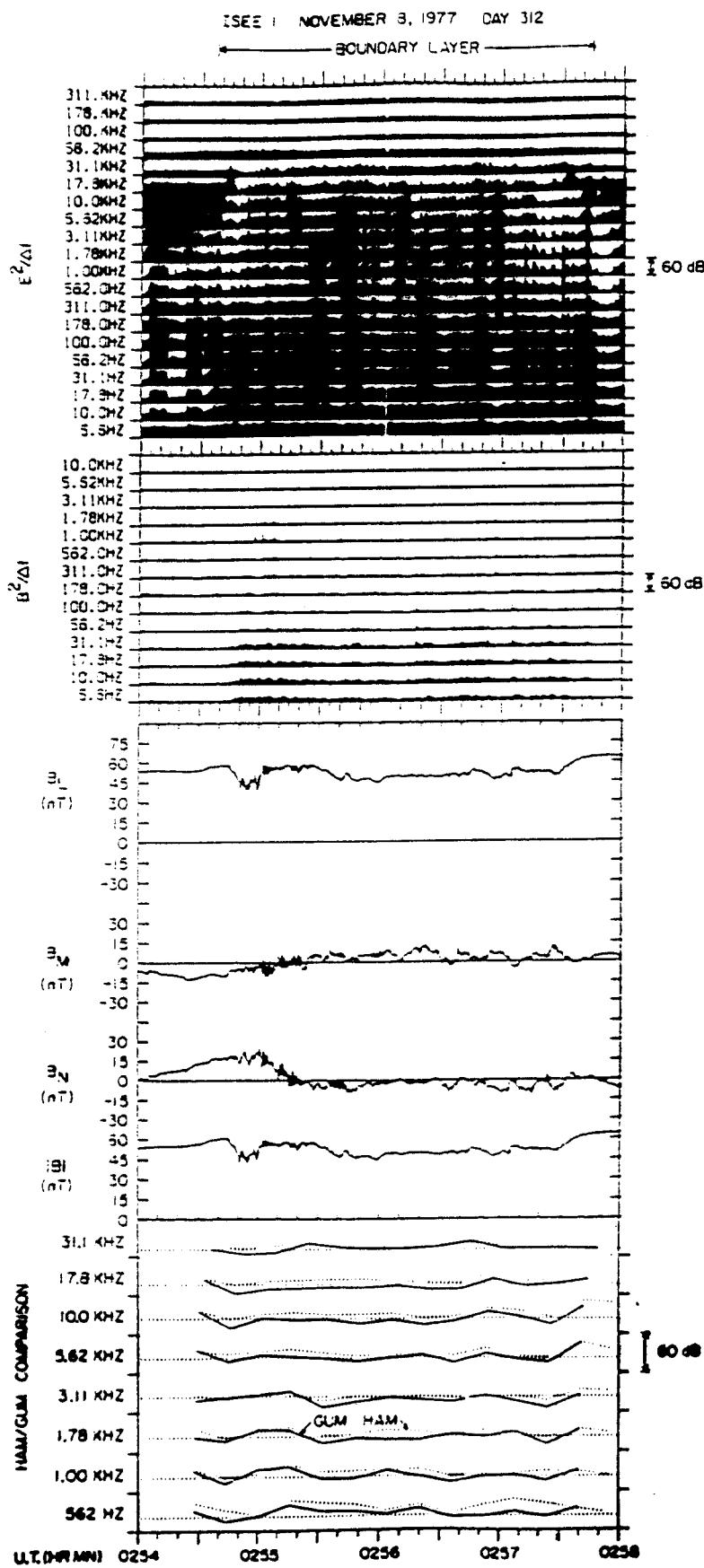
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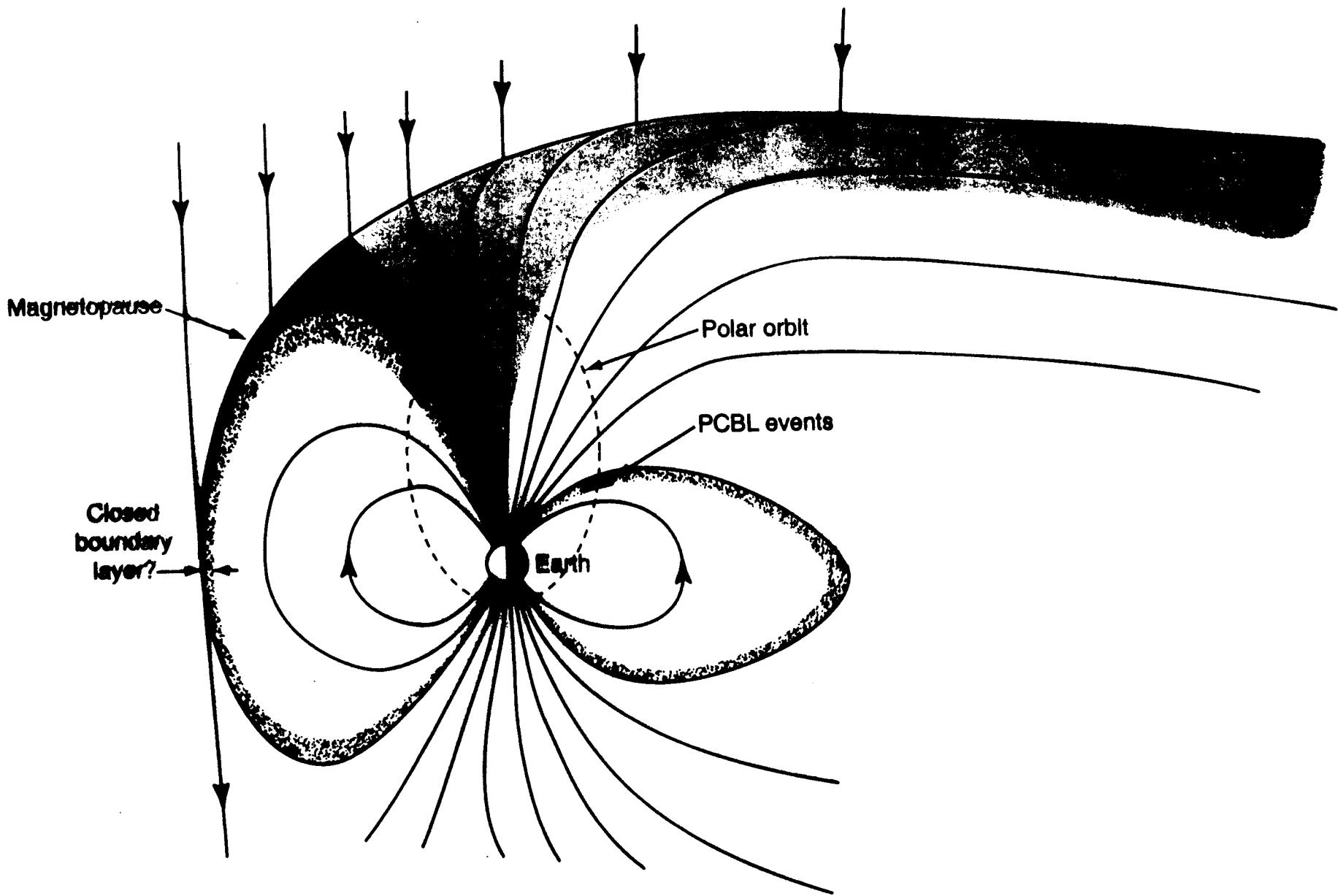
CONCLUSIONS

- “Magnetopause boundary layers” are on ***auroral zone field lines.***
- The dynamics of boundary layers is perhaps controlled by near-ionospheric physics, rather than the other way around.
- The ionospheric parallel electric fields can easily be 10 - 100 k Volts.
- Shock compression of the Jovian magnetosphere with simultaneous auroral observations can establish the magnetic field mapping from the equatorial plane to the ionosphere.



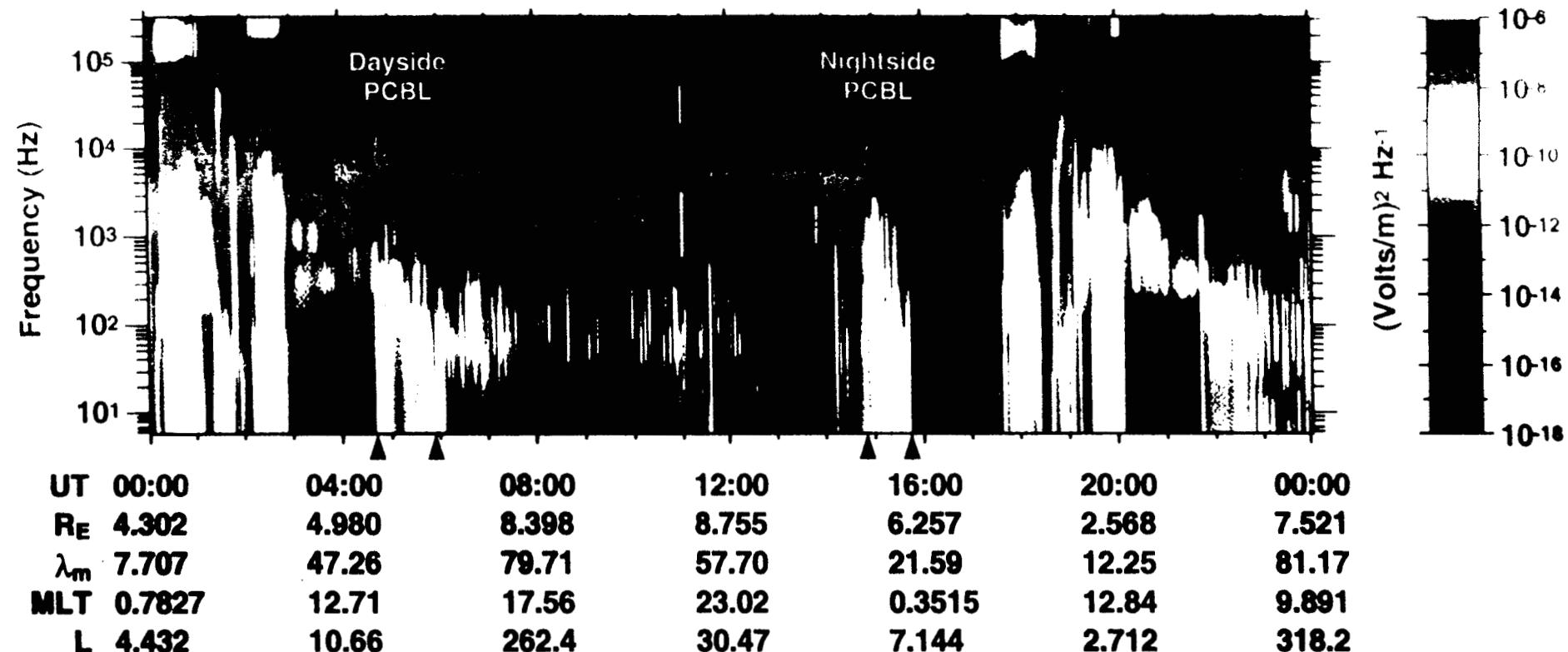


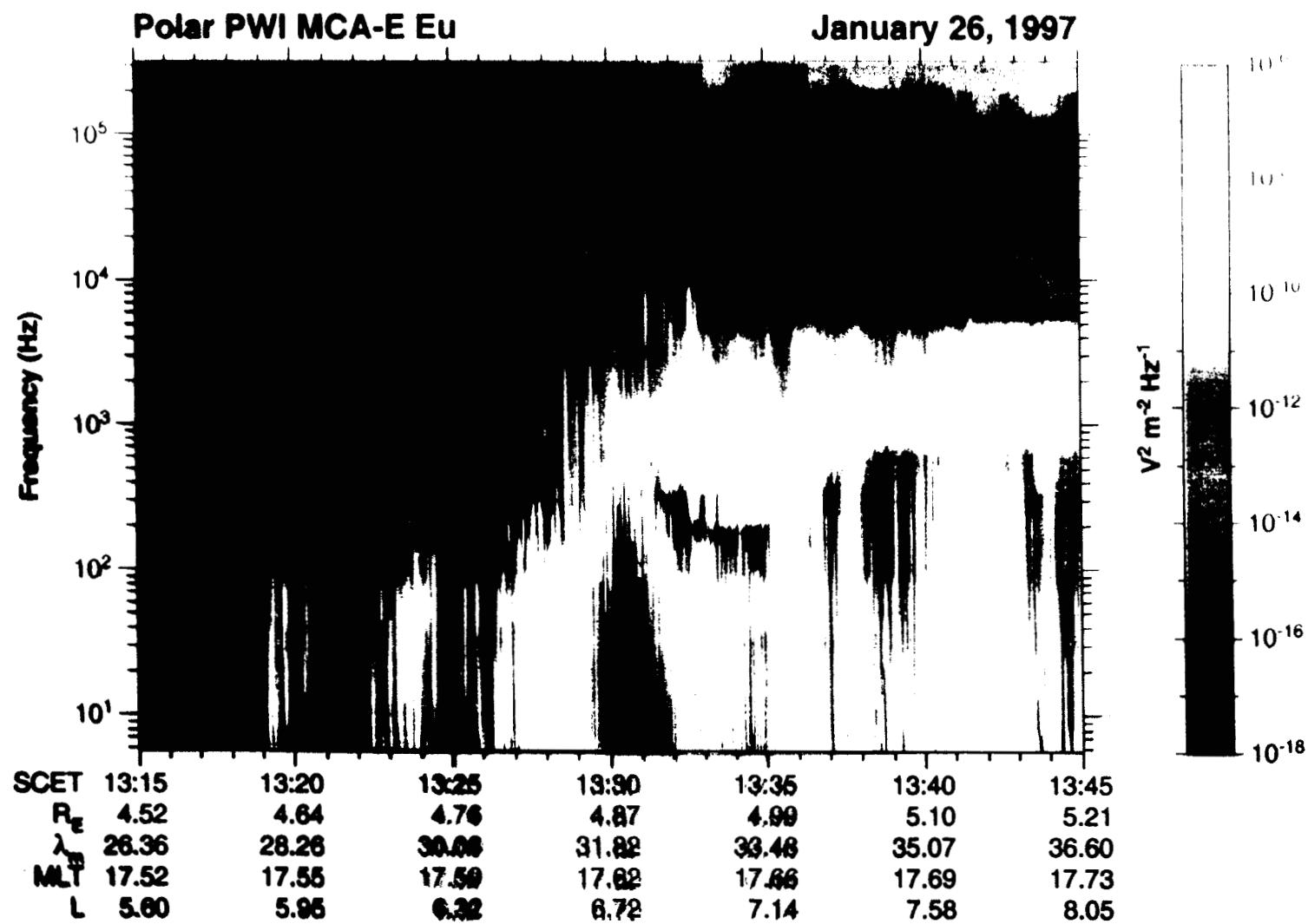




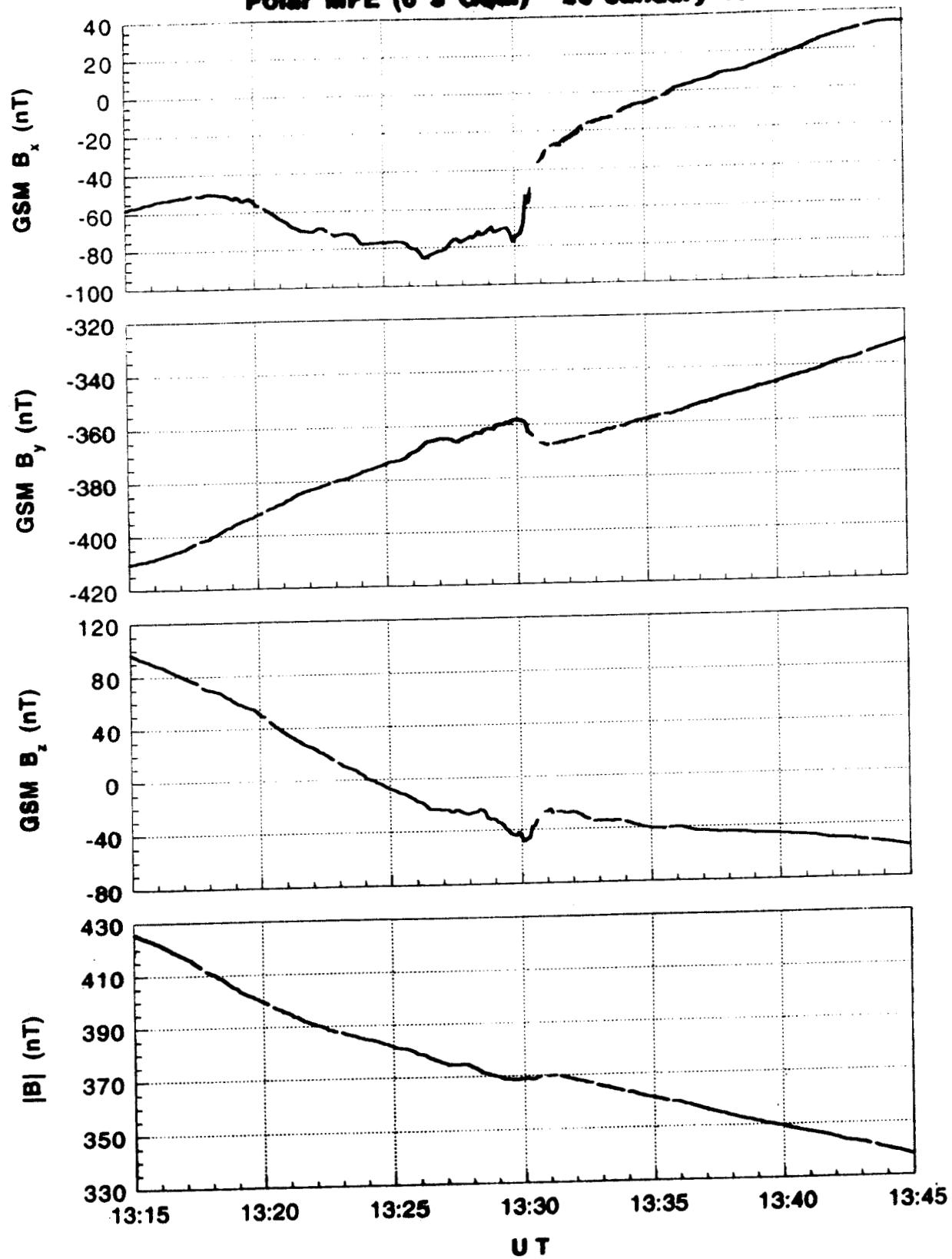
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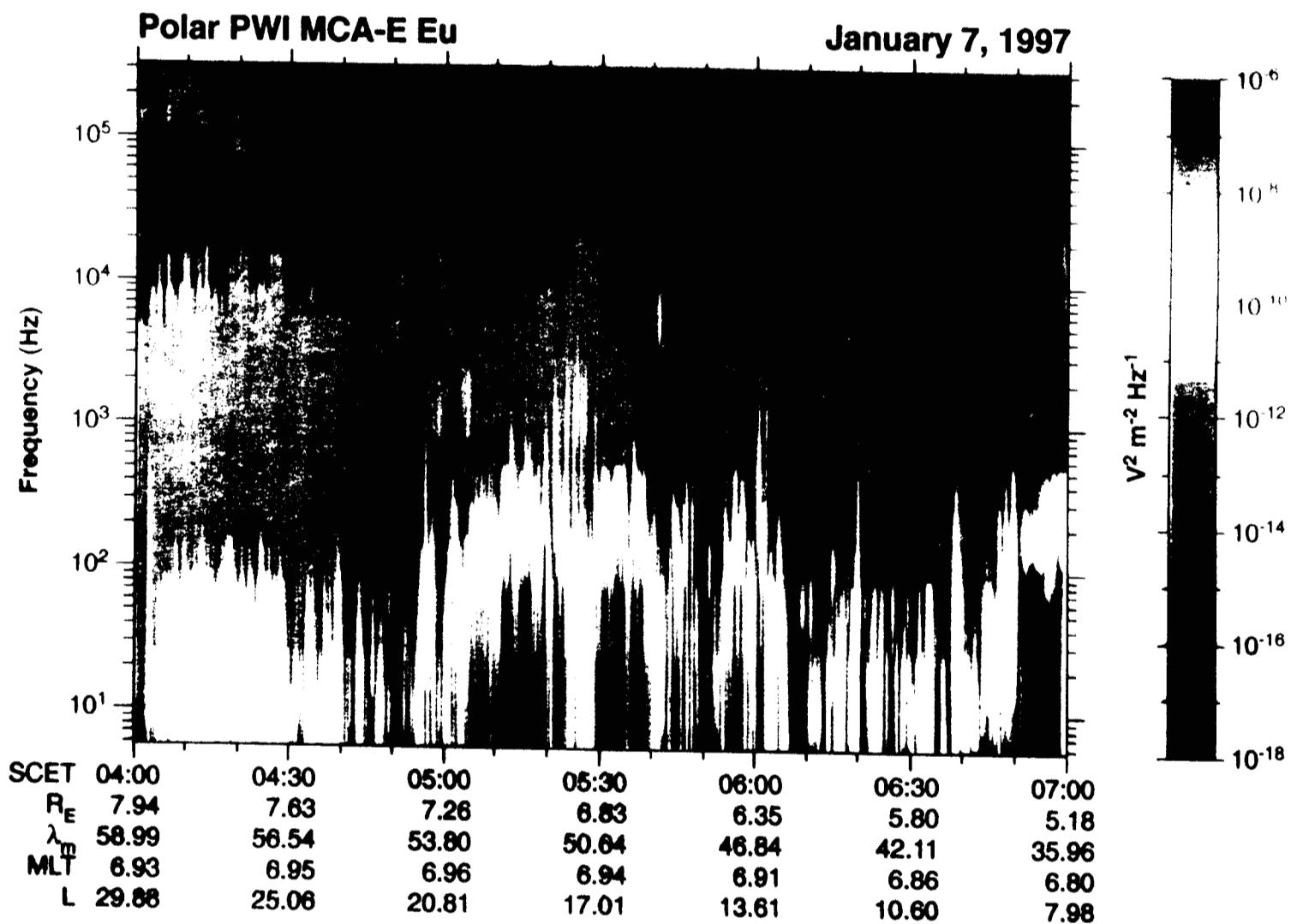
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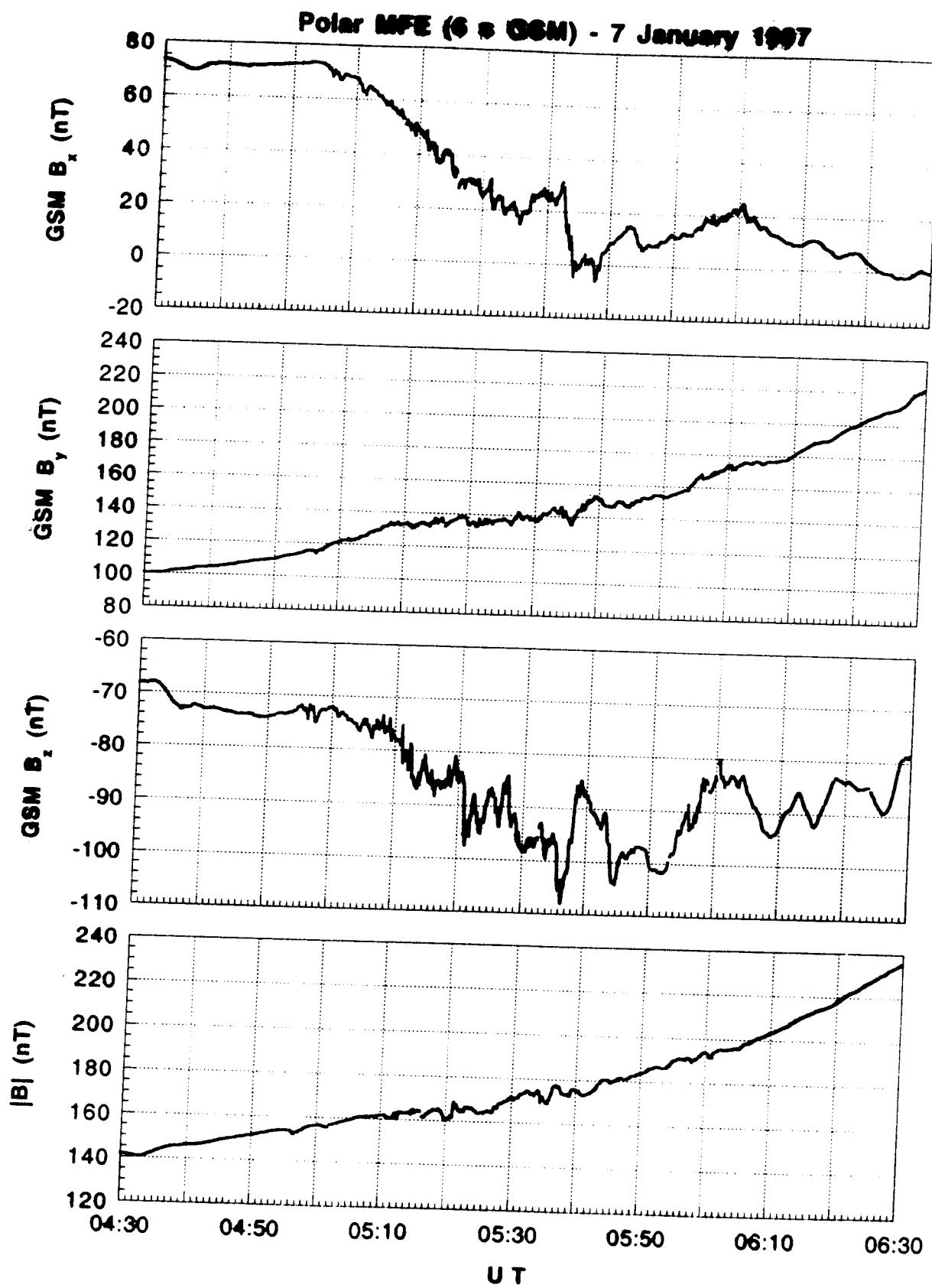


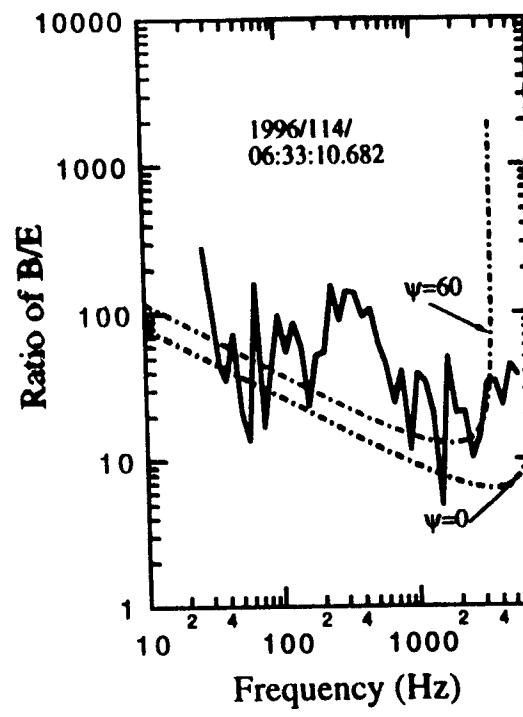
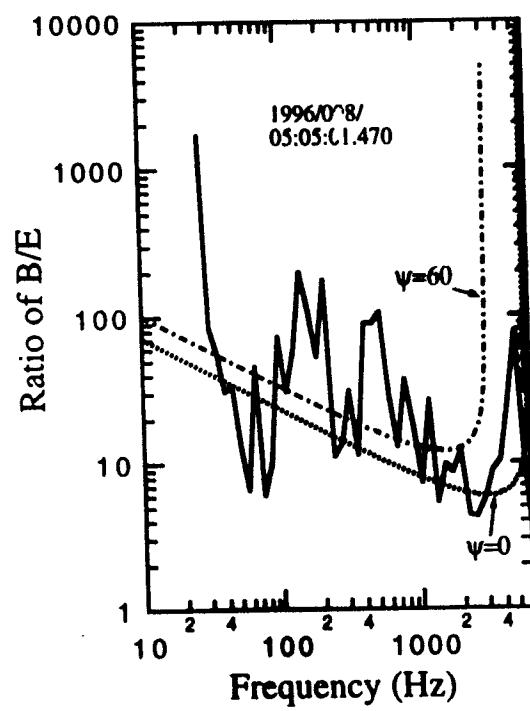


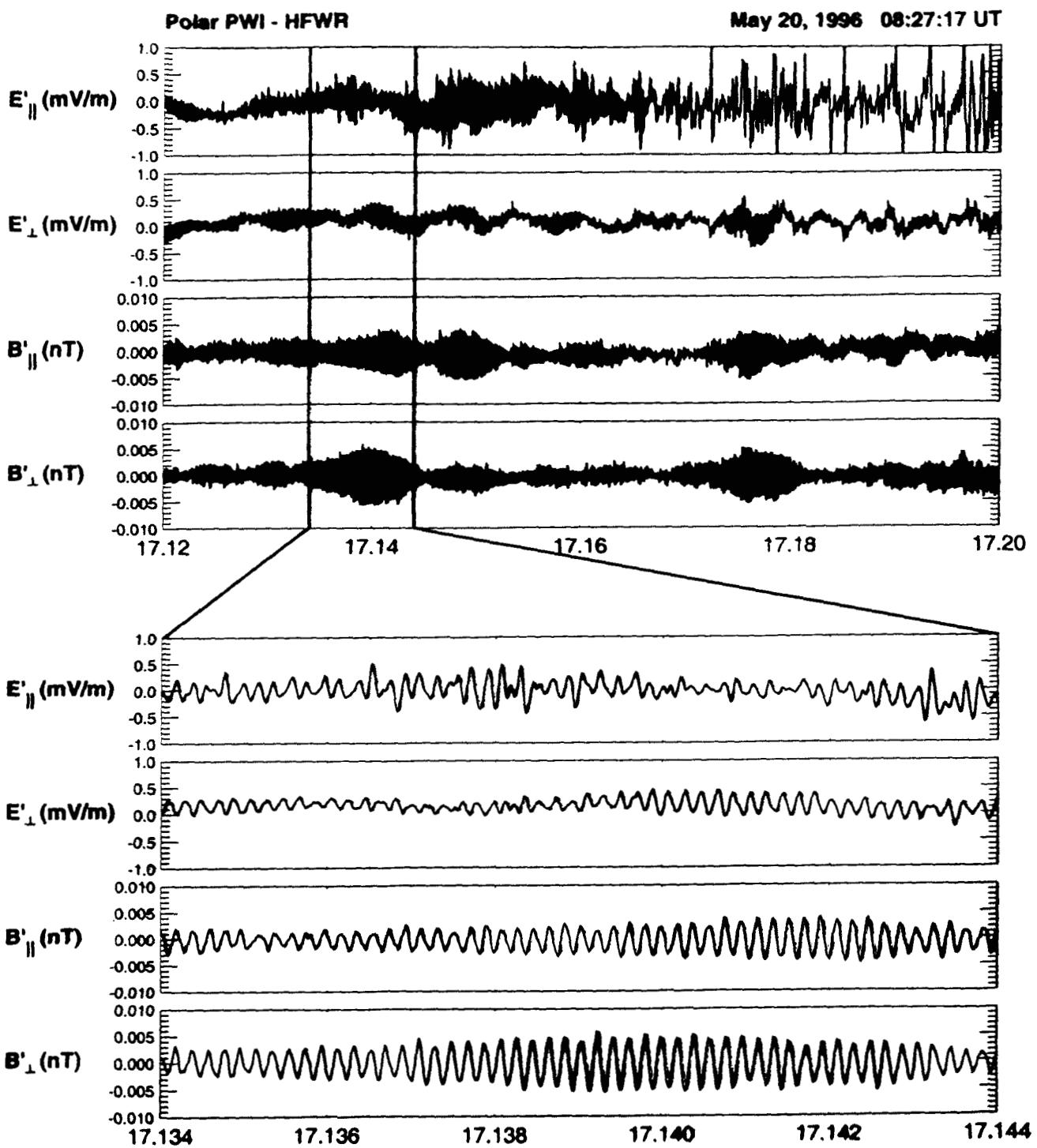
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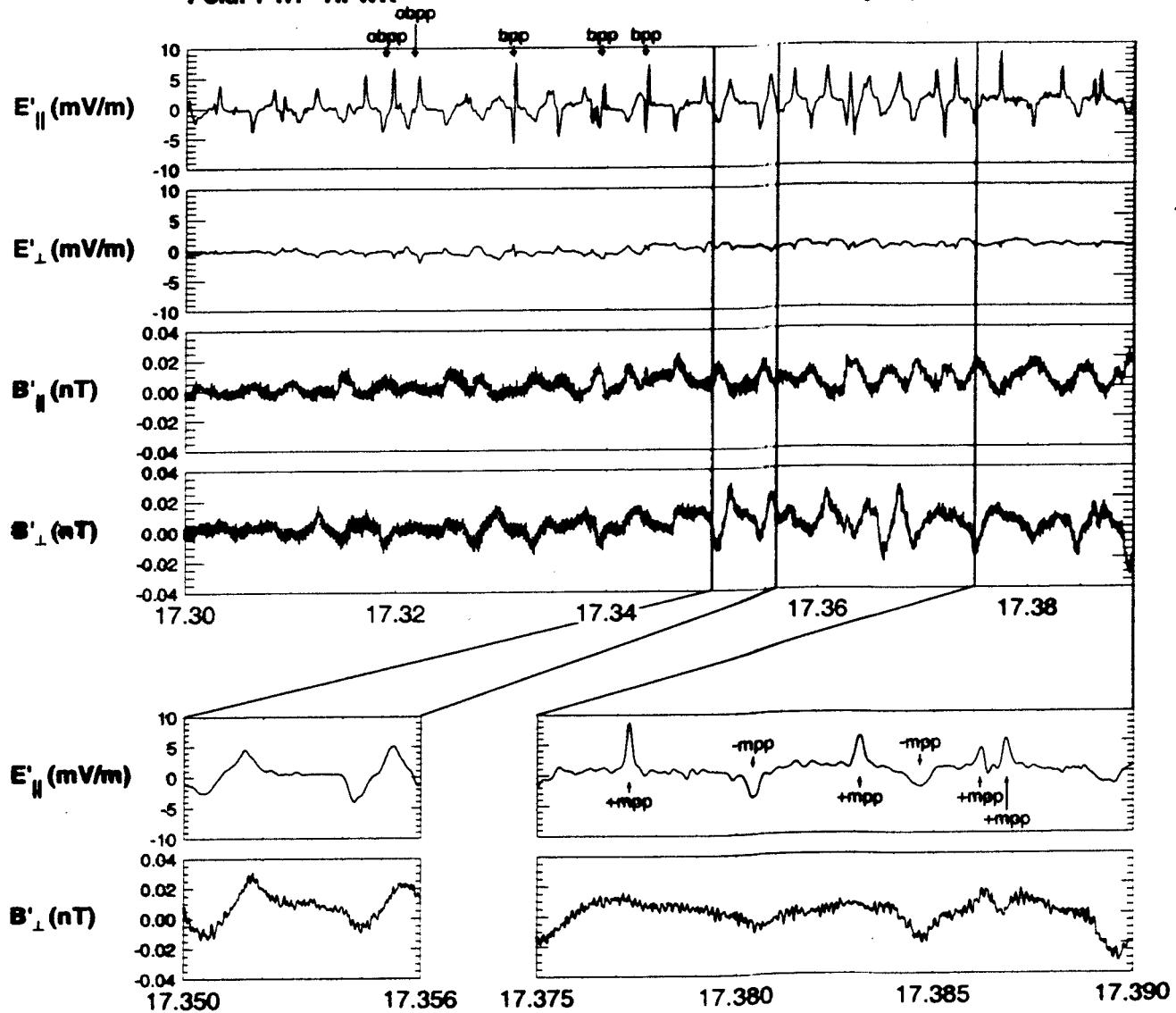






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